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8th „	CALEDONIA	7558	VICTORIA	6522
15th „	ORIENTAL	5284	......	....
22nd „	MACEDONIA	10512	......	....
29th „	ARCADIA	6603	......	....
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21st „	CALEDONIA	7558	MOOLTAN	9621
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INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT, BOMBAY.

No. 527 OF 1907.

Re MATURI VENKATA SUBARAO lately carrying on business at Bhangwadi outside the Fort of Bombay; an adjudged Insolvent.

WHEREAS the abovenamed MATURI VENKATA SUBARAO, has been this day adjudged to have committed an act of Insolvency under Sec. 9 of the Act XI & XII Vic., Chap. 21. It is ordered that all the real and personal estate and effects of the said Insolvent be vested in the Official Assignee of this Honourable Court, and that the said Insolvent, do, within thirty days from the date hereof, file a Schedule in this Honourable Court in the form in Schedule C. to the said Act annexed, containing the statement of his debts, estate and effects.—Dated this 18th day of December, 1907.

W. LANE,
Clerk of the Court.

HOUSE VALUATIONS FOR 1908-1909.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY give notice as required by Section 160 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, that the ENTRIES as required by Clauses (a) (b), (c) and (d) of Section 156 of the aforesaid Act have been completed as far as practicable in the Ward Assessment Books for the several Wards of the City for the year 1908-1909 and that the said Ward Assessment Books may be inspected at the Office of the Municipal Assessor and Collector, between the 20th instant and 15th proximo.

I also give notice under Section 162 (1) of the aforesaid Act that all complaints against the amount of any rateable value entered in the said Ward Assessment Books will be received in my Office on or before the 15th January, 1908.

Complaints must be made by the property owners themselves or by a person duly deputed to act for them in the matter under stamped Power of Attorney.

W. D. SHEPPARD,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
BOMBAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1907.

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TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of STORES and STATIONERY for the official year ending 31st March, 1909, to the Bengal Nagpur Railway Company.

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CALCUTTA, DATED 17th DECEMBER, 1907.

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C. STEWART WILSON,
Director General
OF THE POST OFFICE OF INDIA.

CALCUTTA, THE 10TH DECEMBER, 1907.

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Such goods are now being sold beginning at 11 o'clock TO-DAY at the Great Unreserved Auction Sale 1 Hummum Street. The Auctioneer Mr. BENNETT reports that Mr. Murphy's prediction. That as the sale progress and the purchasers have an opportunity of testing and satisfying themselves that the goods which are bought are as represented Pure Irish Linens, of the finest quality, the demand will increase, is being fully realised. Ladies who purchased on the first day of sale come again bringing their friends with them. All goods are sold to the highest bidder in lots to suit all classes of householders regardless of cost, without any reserve whatever as TO-DAY may be the last day of sale. The Ladies of Bombay are advised not to miss this opportunity.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 3-30 p. m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

AT 2 P. M. (S. T.)

1 second-hand rubber-tyred palanquin office shigram, in good order.

1 second-hand glass fronted miniature office brougham in good order.

1 handsome strong rubber-tyred victoria, in very good order.

1 grey pony, quiet in harness.

1 bay Arab, quiet in harness and saddle.

1 Lady's side saddle with briddle etc. complete.

1 handsome strong English-built brougham by Laurie and Warner in good order.

2 double sets of silver plated English harness.

1 single set of silver plated English harness.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 3-30 p. m. (S.T.) Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Rooms the surplus stock of Messrs. Lund and Blockley, rare fancy marble and old English porcelain clocks (good for presentation), rich old sheffield and Lund and Blockley's platedware, such as Steam Hammer clock, wind mill clock, with thermometer and barometer, large brass perpetual calender clock showing Leap year also, Lighthouse, balloon pattern, night clock with old English porcelain figures, Ormuloo pink porcelain, old English Chronometer clock in case, very fancy old English porcelain floral design clock with bird's nest (very rare), gun shape, square bronze and solid brass carriage time-piece with photo, large real black-marble, nearly new clocks, good for drawing-room and presentation, and many other fancy time-pieces in velvet cases, gold coins, silver pocket watches, &c. 1 lot very superior old Shefield and Reed and Barton and Lund and Blockley's platedware, consisting of teaset, coffee-pots, water-pots, ice pitcher, biscuit box, engraved cheese, fork cases, Reed and Barton spoons, and forks, large old Shefield dishes, salvers, centre-pieces, very powerful opera glasses, photographic lenses, majolica and old blue wall time-piece, old China jars, Encyclopædia Britannica, 25 volumes, motor's acumulator, 1 lot glass domes, &c., &c., &c., will be sold to the highest bidder.

The above is now on view.

AUCTION SALE OF YARN.

On TUESDAY the 24th instant at 3-30 p. m., S. T., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms by order of the Hope Mills Co., Ld. and on account and of the first purchaser Mr. Vithaldass Lakhmichand.

11 bales each 400 lbs No. 11s ring yarn.

56 bales each 400 lbs. No, 10s ring yarn.

A deposit of 25 per cent will be required at the time of sale.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On TUESDAY the 24th instant, at 11 a.m. Messrs. BENNETT & CO are instructed to sell by Public Auction in the tents at the "Crescent" opposite the Sailors' Home, Fort where the goods have been empty from Poona for the purpose of sale. The very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved household furniture by Robert, Wimbridge and others, rich glass and crockeryware, dining table and chairs, large sideboard and dumbwaiters, drawing-room suites, drawing-room cabinets, mirror door almyrahs, marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, brass and iron single and double bedsteads, Persian and Brussels carpets, etc, etc, the property of the Mess 3rd Lancers, Poona.

The above will be on view two days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE of Unclaimed Goods, Sweepings, etc., at the G. I. P. Railway Wadi Bunder Goods Depot.

In accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of the Railway Act. IX of 1890 and under instructions from G. I. P. Railway Company, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above-mentioned place on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) a quantity of unclaimed goods, grain and seeds and bags cotton seeds in bags wheat and linseed in bags, tilly and jowari in bags, bundle of tobacco, boxes of utensils, truncks of clothing, cask of cement, bags of brass pots, cases of glassware, baskets of glass bangles, bundle of coir ropes, empty casks, bundles of bagging, tins and drums of oil, lot of condemned sheets bundle of books and papers, bundles of iron sheets, iron bars and hoops, waste paper and records and other miscellaneous articles, etc.

BENNETT & Co.

BOMBAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1907.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF THE SALVAGE OF THE BUILDING MATERIALS OF THE BOMBAY COTTON PRESS, AT COLABA.

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 21st inst. at 4 p. m. (S.T.) Messrs. MENESSE and Co., have received instructions from the Adjusters to sell by Public Auction at Colaba, on the premises of the Bombay Cotton Press, on account of the concerned—

The salvage of the building materials burnt by fire that lately occurred in the Press comprising—

Cast iron columns, stanchions and gutters, wrought iron trusses, consisting of T and L irons, ironbars and rods, corrugated sheets, burnt wood, bricks, etc.

AUCTION SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

Under instruction, from the Bombay Improvement Trust Messrs. MENESSE & Co., will sell by Public Auction on the Premises on MONDAY, the 23rd instant at 3 p.m. (S. T.)

The materials for removal of the following buildings:—

The materials for removal of building Street Nos. 36-42, 19-34, 14-18 case No. 68 Doongri Street,

The materials for removal of Building Street Nos. 42-44, 46-48, 27, 31, 25, 10-12; Case Nos. 65-66, 94, 80, 114 first and fourth Koliwada and Esplanade Cross Lane.

The materials for removal of Building Street Nos 34, 330-334, 324-326, 14, 316, 320, 322 18-15, 27-28 and 232-288. Case Nos, 67, 78, 79, 137 and 138 Janjikar Street.

MENESSE & Co.

BOMBAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1907.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

THE SALE of the landed property Lot C. in suit No. 579 of 1903 advertised to take place on TUESDAY the 24th inst, at Kolbhat Street, near Kalbadevie Road has been POSTPONED until further intimation.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 20th instant, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the "Arthur House," 2nd Floor, Wellington Lines, opposite the Bandstand, the valuable and neat French-polished teakwood and blackwood dining-room, drawing-room and bedroom furniture by Benjamin, Robert and Devji Canji, such as dining-table and dining chairs, mirrored sideboard, dinner waggon, Chesterfield sofa and easy-chairs, very elegant cabinets and partition screen, office table book-case, bedstead, almyrahs, dressing and wash-band tables, valuable engravings, mother-of-pearl, inlaid elegant cabinets, rich glassware, pictures, Amritsar carpets, crown Derby and Satsuma flower vases, etc., the property of M. A. Jinnah, Esqr., Barrister-at-Law, proceeding to England.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

GOOD OPPORTUNITY to secure Christmas Presents. Grand Auction sale of rare selection of Japanese Goods at the Great Japanese Exhibition, Esplanade Road, Fort, next to Paper Currency Office.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 21st instant at 2-30 p. m. (S. T.) Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, without reserve, to the highest bidder at the above place, really splendid and rare selection of Japanese goods, composed chiefly of silk tapestries, palace hangings, silk and gold brocades, Court Ladies' kimonos, embo-screens, silk embroidered bed-spreads, table covers, cushions, satsuma ware, carved ivory, bronze old curios, etc.

Catalogues are published and the goods are on view.

N. B.—We recommend the intending purchasers to inspect the above collection.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 2-30 p. m., (S.T.), Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following:—

Furniture such as sofas, easy-chairs, light chairs dressing, wash-hand, and writing tables, chest-of-drawers, almyrahs, cupboards, cottage piano, English, safe by Price and Co., Chubb's safe on stand.

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1 double-seated brougham.

1 English Gent's Saddle with briddle.

And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

AUCTION SALE of Woollen and Cotton Cloth consisting Colored Velvet flowered Crape, Venetian Melton, Lustres, Gauze and Ceylon Flannels, Fancy Damask, Italian, Washing Checks etc.

Under instructions from R. D. Sethna Esq., the acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate of Haji Karim Moti Halai and another, Insolvents, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, on MONDAY the 23rd inst at 4-20 p. m. (S. T.) the following woollen and cotton piece-goods consisting of:

Colored woollen and cotton venetian serge, Melton Coatings, Italian washing checks, lustres gauze and Ceylon Flannels, colored velvets, woollen flowered crape etc. and ivory pieces mattresses, pillows, etc, etc.

In Lots to Suit Purchasers.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale and the balance to be paid and goods cleared within 4 days after the sale.

The above is on view at the Rooms of the Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF A LARGE QUANTITY OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF METALS, such as Cupro nickel old envelopes, Cupro nickel old pig, gunmetal old pig, gunmetal old scrap, and lead pig mixed and cable winding apparatus, Smith's bellows, and a considerable quantity of miscellaneous unserviceable stores, at the Castle Park Arsenal, Fort, behind the Town Hall.

Under instructions, from the Ordnance Officer in charge, Bombay Arsenal, Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 9th January, 1908, at 2-30 p. m. (S.T.), at the Castle Park, Fort, Bombay, a large quantity of different kinds of metals such as Cupro Nickel old envelopes, Cupro nickel old pig, gunmetal old pig, gunmetal old scrap, lead pig mixed, metal bell, metal white and Phospher bronze scrap gunmetal and cable winding apparatus Smith's bellows, grindstones, and also a large quantity of old leather canvas rope, oil drums, axes, pickheads, showels and other miscellaneous articles.

The purchases of stores shall pay cash and remove the lots same day and the purchasers of metals shall pay a deposit of 50 per cent. and pay the balance add clear the lots within 2 days from the date of the acceptance of offers.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE of Pianos, by different makers, Band instruments, and Shop furniture and Good Will of Messrs. Seymour Dove and Co.

On TUESDAY the 14th January 1908 at 2-30 p. m. (S. T.) Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co, are instructed to sell by Public Auction, without reserve, at Meadows Street, Fort, by order of the mortgagees in possession the stock-in-trade of Messrs. Seymour Dove and Co. consisting of:—

Cottage Grand and Square Pianos, G. W. Menzel, E and B's, Julius Furich, Squire etc., makers, violins, mandolins, trombones, cornets, clarionets, piccolos, flutes, banjos, E and B Flat Bases, brass clarionets and all accessories, all kinds of instruments for Military and Brass bands, onwharps, accordians, tambourines, castgnats, penny whistles, music of all kinds for piano, violin, mandoline, etc. Glass door show cases, class banging cases, glass cupboards, counters, office table, chairs, gas light etc.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 6 days before the sale.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, Solicitors for the Mortgagees or to the Undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.

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SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
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SALE of Unserviceable and surplus store furniture etc. of the Steam Navigation Co. of India, Ld.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE will, under instructions from Messrs. Adamji Peerbhoy Sons and Co. Agents of the Sha Steam Navigation Co. of India, Ld., sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY FRIDAY the 20th day of December 1907, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon (Bombay Time) the unserviceable and surplus stores of the said Company at the following Godowns:—

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

The steamer Baira 2,570 tons Captain F.C. Potts sailed yesterday for Mormugao, in ballast.

He Gouverneur 2,096 tons Captain C Burmeister sailed yesterday for Zanzibar with a general cargo and 21 cation and 340 deck passengers.

The Wilson Line steamer Othello 3,327 tons Captain H. Bradley will sail to-day for Hull via Karachi with a general cargo.

The steamer Euphorbia, 2,444 tons Captain W. I. Stevens arrived harbour on Wednesday from Barry with a cargo of coal.

The Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Cos steamer Austria 4,879 tons Captain G. Guilhuber, arrived in harbour on Wednesday evening from Trieste with a general cargo and passengers.

The Austrian Lloyd's S.N. Cos. steamer Koerbar 3'163 tons Captain A Foreste arrived in harbour on Thursday from Trieste with a general cargo 2 dogs and passengers.

ARRIVALS

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
18	Euphorbia	Stevens	Barry, Nov 15
	Austria	Guilhuber	Trieste, Nov 27
19	Koerber	Foreste	Trieste, Dec 3

DEPARTURES

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
19	Hampton	Courtney	Philadelphia
	Kybfels	Thulen	Karachi
	Gouverneur	Burmeister	Zanzibar, &c
	Beira	Potts	Marmugoa

The steamer Othello-Bradley, for Hull via Karachi obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The steamer Alavi for Calcutta began to load yesterday.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec	Vessel.	From
17	Palamcotta	Negapatam
	Pentakota	Rangoon
	Nadir	Bombay

DEPARTURES.

Dec	Vessel	For
17	Nadir	Calcutta
19	Palamcotta	Rangoon
19	Pentakota	Negapatam

CALCUTTA

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	Names	From
11	Schonfels	T Denker	Hamburg
	Scindia	A G Abbott	Moulmein
16	Mombassa	T Johnston	Madras
	Ramapoora	T Costello	Rangoon
	Palembang	N G Dabeuyer	Sumatra

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Names	For
17	Lord Kelvin	W F Masser	Madras
	Alcaua	D Morgan	Madras
	Byculla	J F Crookston	Molmein
	Grantley Hall	W D Lewis	Bombay

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC. 19.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Trafford Hall s—500 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 1,700 cwt oil cake Glade and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—2 bales skins, A H Mahomed and Co; 8 bales hides H A Oomer; 2 bales carpets and 1 case tiger skins Ajmeer Import and Export Co.

FOR MARSEELLES.

City of Glasgow 1,000 tons manganese ore, S Smit and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Trafford Hall s—50 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 50 bales hemp, R Reeve and Co; 100 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR HULL.

Othello s—2,040 cwt castorseed, David Sassoon and Co; 4,000 cwt cottonseed Ralli Bros; 1 bale twist Greaves Cotton and Co.

John H Barry s—2,000 cwt cottonseed, L. Dreyfus and Co; 50 bales hemp, P Bhimji.

FOR DUNKIRK.

John H Barry s—110 bales cotton J A Begbie and Co 330 bales cotton, Volkart Bros; 110 bales cotton, Dinshaw D Currimee and Co; 4 002 cwt linseed E D Sassoon and Co; 300 cwt horns, E Mahomed, 114 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR ANTWERP.

St Helena s—12 bales twist J A Begbie and Co; 4,000 cwt gingellyseed Worman and Co; 66 cwt gum Kalliandas Bros; 15 bales twist B Gorio and Co.

Umballa s—1,239 cwt linseed Ralli Bros.

FOR FIUME.

China s—200 cwt olibanum, M Jafferbhoy; 114 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR TRIESTE.

China s—12 bales twist, H Seleer and Co; 220 bales cotton Glade and Co; 106 cwt mother of pearl shell, M Jafferbhoy and Co; 450 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR VEINCE.

China s—25 cwt olibanum, M Jafferbhoy.

FOR HONGKONG.

Devanha s—300 bales twist David Sassoon and Co; 300 bales twist, Phirozsha B Petit and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Devanha s—800 bales twist, C Ebrahim and Co; 200 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Kagoshima Maru s—200 bales cotton. Dhunjibhoy B Petit and Co; 150 bales cotton, Volkart Bros.

Devanha s—500 bales cotton, Sassoon J David and Co; 162 bales cotton, G Dossa and Co; 200 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR MOJI

Kagoshima Maru s—200 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

Devanha s—100 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR YOKKARCHI.

Kagoshima Maru s—500 bales cotton, Volkart Bros; 400 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co; 300 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, Dec. 20.

436—Detail for the week ending Saturday the 21st inst.

To-day Friday the 20th—Recruits of the current season will parade at Head Quarters at 7 p.m.

437—Camp of Instruction.—It is notified for information that the Annual Camp of Instruction will be held at Santa Cruz from the 1st to 8th February 1908.

General's Inspection.—The General Officer Commanding will make his Annual Inspection of the Corps on Saturday the 8th February 1908.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, Dec. 20

364 CORPS PARADE.

The Corps will parade at the B V A Club Apollo Bunder, on Saturday the 21st instant at 4-30 p m and proceed to Middle Ground Fort for 1" Aiming Rifle Practice.

Dress—Khaki and Helmets.

369 RANGE.

The Range at Santa Cruz will be available for Spoon Competitions and easy firing practice on Sunday next the 22nd inst.

370 PARADE.

The E E Coy will parade at 6-30 p m on Saturday 21st inst at Apollo Bunder and proceed to Oyster Rock for all night Electric Light Manning.

371 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

The Office will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from the 22nd to 2nd proximo inclusive.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *December* 18.] [BOMBAY, *December* 19.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols	82 5/8		3/16
3 do. Rentes	95 ...		unchgd
3½ do. Sterling Loan	100 1/8		1/8
3½ do. Govt. Securities	63 5/8	1/8	
*Bar Silver in London	24		5/8
Do. do. 2 months' hence	24 1/4		5/8
Do. in New York	52 1/8		1 3/8
Exchange on London at Paris	25·20¼	1/2	
Do. do. do. Berlin	20·52		unchgd
Do. do. do. New York	4·86		1/8
Discount Bank of England Rate	7	since	7 Nov.
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	5 7/8		unchgd
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	6 1/2		unchgd
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills	6 1/4		unchgd
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	5 1/8		unchgd
Interest Day-to-day Loans	3 3/4		unchgd
Do. 7-day Market Loans	4 1/2		unchgd

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate)... 1s. 3⅞ +1/32d. unchgd.

*Closing tone of silver——Fall caused by sales from the East

Council Bills:—

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs. 20,00,000.

Rs. 12,80,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
" 90,000 were allotted to Bombay.
" 6,20,000 were allotted to Madras.

Rs. 19,90,000 at 1s. 3 29/32d.

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay 15·01.

Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, including last Public Sales ... ... Rs. 4,20,000
Amount to be allotted next week... Rs. 25,00,000

EXTRA ALLOTMENTS:—

*Bills on Madras ...Rs. 3,00,000 at 1s. 3 29/32d

*This should have been reported during the week and includes in the total sold during the week.

COTTON.

Liverpool —

Spots	Quiet.
Futures	Steady.
East Indian	Quiet.
Manchester	Steady.
Total Sales	10,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export	500 "
Imports	5,000 "
Mid-Americans	6·18—03
Egyptian F.G.F. Brown	10 3/16 unchgd

Future Delivery prices:—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl	Apl.-May.
5·79 —01	5·80 —02	5·81 —01	5·81 —02	5·82 —01

May-June	June-July.	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
5·82 —02	5·82 —02	5·78 —03	5·68 —03

New York:—

Receipts at U. S. Ports...	46,000 bales,
Do. do. last year	58,000 "
Exports to Great Britain	21,000 "
Do. to Continent ...	17,000 "

Spot Cotton—11·70 unchgd

Futures—Month of Mar. 10·78+01
Futures—Month of May. 10·83+02
} Declined early owing to weak cables and advanced later through bull support and shorts covering.

New Orleans—

Spot Cotton—11 2/8 –1/8.
Futures—Month of Mar. 10·93—01
Do do May 10·95+01
Closing tone of futures—Steady.

WHEAT.

Tone of Wheat—Quiet.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed:—

Yellow Gujarat, per 416 lbs. 85o/o ex-ship 56¼—Mar-Apl—Antwerp—Sellers—canal.

Brown Cawnpore 51 3/4—Dec.-Jan.—Antwerp—Sellers—Canal.

Tone of Rapeseed.—Firm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality), 6 1/8 unchgd.

Beef and Mutton Tallow—

Finest Australian Beef Tallow	...33s. 6d.
" " Mutton Tallow	...35s.
General tone of Tallow Auction	...Dull.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value	From	Vessel.	Importer.
4 Bundles Rupees	Rs. 7,000	Linga	Goalpara	Hongkong Bank
5 Bundles Sovs Gold coins Rupees	3,050 6,756 7,000	Muscat	Kasara	Comptoir National
1 Bundle Rupees	1,000	Porbunder		
5 Bundles Rupees	3,463	Muscat		
1 Bundle Rupees	1,000	Abbas		
1 Bundle Rupees	1,200	Linga	Goalpara	M. Mackenzie and Co
1 Bundle Rupees	1,200	Debai		
4 Bundles Rupees	8,000	Bahrein		
3 Bundles Rupees	7,600	Muscat	Goalpara	P Valabhdas
3 Bundles Rupees	6,500	Linga	Goalpara	B & P S N Co
42 Packages Rs.	88,550	Linga	Goalpara	Sundry Importers
43 Packages Sovs Rupees	150 93,000	Bahrein	Goalpara	Sundry Importers
15 Packages Sovs Rupees	1,035 33,965	Koweit	Goalpara	Sundry Importers

BOMBAY MARKETS.

THURSDAY EVENING.] [19TH DECEMBER, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money:—

The cash balance of the Bank of Bengal is reported to be down by 104 lakhs, which is attributed partly to the large withdrawals made by the Government.

Exchange:—

The opening rate was steady for T. T. at 1s. 3 7-8d. and for demand at 1s. 3 15-16d., while the Credit rate continues to be 1s. 4 7-32d. The market would have been firmer, perhaps, if the Government had not, as is the case, raised the amount of Council Bills to be offered next week. A few Bills have been placed for near delivery. The weakness in the Silver market has affected. Far Eastern rates, which are unsettled. The following quotations are more or less nominal:—

We quote:—

T. T. on London	...1s. 3 7/8d.
Demand Draft	...1s. 3 15/16d.
Credits—3 months' sight	...1s. 4 7/32d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France	169 1/3
Hongkong—30 days' sight...	134
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...	150
Shanghai—30 days' sight ...	180

Government Paper:—

There was a firmer feeling in the market to-day, Ready and Settlement having opened and closed at Rs. 96-8, buyers, at which rates a fair amount of business was transacted, which would appear to indicate an upward tendency. The Calcutta rates are reported at Ready Rs. 96-11 and Forward Delivery one month Rs. 96-8.

We quote:—

Cash	Rs. 96 8
1st Settlement	" 96 8

Bullion:—

Bar Silver quotations in London were 5-8 down at 24 Ready and 24 1-4 Delivery in two months, weak. New York was quoted at 52 1-8, which is 1 3-8 down. The local rate opened at 65 ex duty, which rose to 66-14 (for both cash and 1st Settlement,) as a result of a "corner." The 2nd Settlement opened at 62 ex duty and extended to 62 1-4. Bar Gold is steady.

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold	24	4	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	3	"
Bombay Bar Gold	24	2	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	2	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	2	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	66	14	0
Ditto 1st Settlement	66	14	0
Ditto 2nd "	62	4	0

COTTON.

Market Report:—

The market opened quiet but steady with little or no change in prices. There is little doing as the bazaar is awaiting the Ginners report and Exporters are quiet. We close as under:

There was rather more enquiry by Shippers for ready cotton, but Mills continue quiet and are buying only very sparingly.

QUOTATIONS:—

	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach	274	March 08
Good M. G. Broach	267	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti	235	Jan. 08
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon	227/8	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola	219/20	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti	219	"
Fine M. G. Muttia	205	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish	200	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish	205	"
Fine M. G. Bengals	200	"
Fine. M. G. Bengals	204	March 08.
F. G. H G Bengals	191	Jan. 08.
Good Westerns	242	Apl-May 08
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	255	"

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed:—

The market is steady with a moderate business doing amongst dealers. We quote:

Ready	Rs. 7 12 0 B. T.
December	" 8 2 0 R. T.
April-May	" 8 8 0 "

RAPESEED—

The market is firmer, but there is not much doing. We quote:—

Brown Cawnpore ready	Rs. 9 0 0
Brown Cawnpore Ap.-May	" 9 6 0

Gingellyseed:—

The market is quiet but steady and we quote;—

Bold White, 85 p.c.	Rs. 62 8 0
" " 75 p.c.	" 61 8 0
White Havre	" 62 8 0
Black Kutni	" 55 8 0
Yellow Hinganghat	" 65 0 0

Poppyseed:—

Ready	Rs. 12 0 0
April-May	" 11 4 0

Tone—Quiet.

Castorseed:—

Ready	Rs. 34 0 0
April-May	Rs. 35 0 0

Tone—Quiet.

Cottonseed:—

Rs. 23 8 0

Tone—Quiet but steady.

Mowraseed:—

Rs. 5 6 0 B. T.

Tone—Quiet.

GROUNDNUTS:—

Rs. 47 8 0 Jan.-Feb.

Tone—Firm.

Wheat:—

White Delhi Ap.-May.... Rs. 5 15 0 R/T.

Tone—Quiet but steady.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks:—	
Bombay	1,392 1/2
India	60
Indian Specie Bank	54
Mills:—	
David	385
Kohinoor	725
Maneckji Petit	3,155
Khattau Makanji	720
Miscellaneous:—	
Colaba Land and Mill	1,030
Railways:—	
Amritsar-Patti	110
Tapti Valley	432 1/2
Ahmedabad Dholka	100

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p. m. yesterday:—

Cotton	12,465 bales.
Wheat	5,160 cwts
Linseed	494 "
Rapeseed	4 "
Gingellyseed	10,263 "
Poppyseed	20 "
Groundnuts	350 "
Castorseed	784 "
Rice	5,096 "
Myrabollams	3,905 "
Cottonseed	16,354 "
Mowraseed	1,912 "
Gram	2,863 "
Joowar	455 "
Maize	252 "

KARACHI FREIGHTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 19.

Freights.—There is no change in our market. The same utter stagnation prevails. The Ellerman line booked 750 tons light cargo for Liverpool January at 9s. A Hansa boat filled up at 6s. Speculators booked 750 tons for Genoa, January shipment, at 15s. Steamers inward can not get wharf berths. In "Chupra" and the "City of Madrid" are discharging in the stream.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

U. P. INDIGO.

Final report on the indigo crop of 1907.—Note.—On an average of the five years ending 1905-06 the area under indigo crop in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented some 19 6 per cent. of the total area under the crop in British India.

Area.—According to the returns just received from the village Accountants the total indigo area of the province for 1907 amounts to 47,319 acres compared with 40,374 acres last year, showing an increase of nearly seven thousand acres or 17 per cent. The increase is attributed to good prices realized last year, though it is not as large as was anticipated in September last, when the first forecast was issued. Of the chief indigo growing divisions Meerut shows an increase of 4,681 acres, Agra of 4,417 acres, and Allahabad of 1,745 acres; a decrease of 3,791 acres is shown in Gorakhpur, but most if not all of this is due to errors in previous returns for one district in this division.

Outturn.—In the eastern districts the drought affected the crop injuriously; but in the Doab the outturn has been good. For the province taken as a whole it is estimated at 80 per cent. of the normal, the same as in last year. The total outturn of indigo is estimated at 8,340 factory maunds compared with 7,560 maunds estimated last year, showing an increase of 10 per cent. The quantity of indigo available for the Calcutta market will probably be less than this, as some portion of the dye is consumed locally or exported to other provinces

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa.
Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Brest Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Aden Perfect
Via Turkey Interrupted. Via Suez Perfect	Via Turkey Interrupted. Via Suez Perfect.	Via Valentia Perfect. Via Direct Cable Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect. ...	Via Amoor Perfect. Via Bhamo Perfect.	Via Cadiz Teneriffe Perfect. Via Lisbon. Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 19th Dec. 1907.
(Difference in longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission. Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey	..	Nil	...	Nil	Nil
Teheran	19	1	0 p m	2	9
Suez	19	1	5 p m	1	38

NOTES.

Turkish route interrupted beyond Bassora (18-12-07.)

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and IN MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. Cash strictly ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BAKER—December 16, at Madras, the wife of Mr G F Baker, of Bangalore, prematurely, of a son, who survived only for a few hours

BARSTOW—December 15, at Bangalore, the wife of Captain J B Barstow, Royal Engineers, of a son.

GRIFFIN—December 14, at Kalej Valley, Darjiling, the wife of P G Griffin, of a daughter.

JOHNSON—December 7, at Nasirabad, Rajputana, the wife of Lieut Col F E Johnson, R F A, of a son.

Keen—December 9, at Sialkot, the wife of Capt P H Keen, 56th Punjabi Rifles, F F, of a daughter.

TINSON—December 8, at Rockcliff, Mussoorie, the wife of John Tinson, Sanitary Engineer, M R S I, of a son.

WEST—December 7, at Sialkot, Mrs Clement Yeo-West, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

DOWNES—December 8, near Tangrot, Punjab, Capt L S Downes F R A.

MAUNSELL—December 14, at Delhi, Rose Amabel Dorothea, the infant daughter of Rev Arthur Maunsell, Chaplain of Delhi, aged 14 days.

TINSON—December 9, at Rockcliff, Mussoorie, Cyril John, infant son of John and Josephine, Tinson.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 6m. Sun sets, 6h. 5m. High water, 11-36m. Low water, 5-50m. 5 22a.

P. and O. steamer Persia, with English mails of 6th inst., due to arrive at 6 a.m.

Bombay Native Dispensary, biennial general meeting, office of Sir D. M. Petit, Hornby Road, 5 p.m.

University Examination Results—Second LL. B. Examination.

Y. M. C. A. Glee Club Concert, Wodehouse Road, 9-15 p.m.

Z. B. M. M. Girls' High School, Girgaum, prize distribution by H. E. Lady Clarke in Y. M. C. A. Hall, 5 p. m.

Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.

The Hippodrome, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.

Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p.m.

The Empire Cinematograph, Framji Cowasji Hall, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Dec. 19th, Full Moon, 11h. 25-1m. p.m., Dec 28th, Last Quarter, 4h. 40-5m. a.m., Dec. 23rd, in Apogee, 2-9h. a.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Saturday, December 21.—Bombay Extra Races. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Albert Press Company, 2 Dalal Street, 3-30 p. m. Miss Bonavia Hunt's Concert, Taj Mahal Hotel, 9-30 p.m; C. M. S School, Girgaum, annual prize giving. Sun rises, 7h., 7m.; Sun sets, 6h. 6m.; High water, 0-28m., 0-8a.; Low water, 6-23m., 5-52a.

Sunday, December 22.—4th Sunday in Advent. Sun rises, 7h. 7m.; Sun sets, 6h. 6m.; High water, 0-59m., 0-39a.; Low water, 9-55m., 6-23a.

Monday, December 23.—Bombay Police Club, Christmas Tree and Dance, Town Hall. Laying foundation-stone of the Mazagon-Sewri reclamation, Mazagon, by H. E. the Governor, 5 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 8m. Sun sets, 6h. 7m. High water, 1-29m., 1-10a. Low water, 7-27m. 6-55a

Tuesday, December 24.—Christmas Eve, Bank Holiday. Sun rises, 7h. 8m., Sun sets, 6h. 7m. High water, 1-58m., 1-43a.; Low water. 8-2m., 7-28a.

Wednesday, December 25.—Christmas Day, general holiday. Sun rises, 7h. 9m. Sun sets, 6h. 8m. High water, 2-26m., 2-21a. Low water, 8-44m., 8-2a.

Thursday, December 26.—Banks closed: Christmas holidays. Indian National Congress at Surat. Sun rises, 7h. 9m. Sun sets, 6h. 9m. High water, 2-57m., 3-6a. Low water, 9-26m., 8-39a.

SANTA CRUZ RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION'S DISPENSARY.—The number of patients treated in this Dispensary was 169; among them the number of men 53, women 28, and children 88. The daily average attendance was 6 to 12.

LIQUOR-SHOPS IN BOMBAY.—The Bombay Temperance Council have written to the Excise Collector objecting against the proposed opening of a Refreshment Room for the retail sale of foreign liquors at Chinchpogli, near the Fire Brigade Station.

THE PROPOSED OPENING OF A LIQUOR-SHOP AT MAYO ROAD.—With reference to the protest made by the Bombay Temperance Council against the proposed opening of a Refreshment Room for the retail sale of foreign liquors at Mayo Road, Fort, the Council have been informed by the Excise Collector that the desired permission has not been granted.

MEETING POSTPONED.—The proposed meeting of selected Mahomedans, which was to have been held at Chowki Moholla, Second Nagpada, has been postponed until January next owing to some of the leading Mahomedans, who wish to popularize the plague inoculation among their co-religionists in Bombay, leaving to-morrow, the 20th instant, for Karachi to join the All-India Mahomedan Educational Conference.

RESULT OF CARELESS SMOKING.—About 7 o'clock yesterday morning a cart loaded with hay and driven by one Rama Rupa was proceeding along Trimbuck Parashram Street. The hay was seen to catch fire suddenly and before the flames could be put out the whole quantity of hay and the cart were destroyed. The damage is estimated at Rs. 60, but it is not known how the hay took fire. Perhaps a lighted "biddee" thrown carelessly out of a window of some house in the street might have caused it.

ANJUMAN-I-ISLAM.—At the general meeting of the Anjuman-i-Islam of Bombay held on the 17th instant the following gentlemen were elected as delegates for the ensuing Mohamedan Educational Conference to be held at Karachi during the Christmas holidays:—Sir Currimbhai Ibrahim, Messrs. Fazulbhai Currimbhai, Mohammedbhai Currimbhai, Mirza Ali Mohammedkhan, Haji Mohammed Haji Ismail, Haji Isuf Haji Ismail, Umar Haji Usuf Sobani, Moulvi Abdulla Ahmed, Ali Asgahar Fyzee, Siddick R Sayani, Kazi Kabiruddin, Ibrahim R. Sayani, Aga Farrukh Shah, Sharafali Mamuji, Shafi C. Tyabji, Abdulkader Khatkhatay.

ROBBING TEN DIFFERENT PERSONS.—Yesterday at the Mazagon Police Court, before Mr. Jafferbhoy Rahimtulla, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Gough charged Rama Succaram with theft in respect of sundry ornaments and domestic articles belonging to ten different persons. While the police were investigating into a complaint of theft of an ornament from the person of a child, it was found that accused had pawned a number of things with a Marwari. The owners were traced and the accused was charged before the Magistrate. He was sentenced to an aggregate term of two years' rigorous imprisonment.

OLD BOMBAY.

The Group of Seven Islands.

Mr. E. D. Talati, late Principal, Elphinstone High School, Bombay, and the present Principal of Deolali Zoroastrian Boarding School, gave a lecture on "Old Bombay" in the hall of the Sassoon Mechanics' Institute. The lecture was illustrated by magic lantern slides and a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present.

Mr. George Lund, who presided, introduced the lecturer, and the latter in the opening observed that the slides he was exhibiting that evening were taken from photographs collected by Mr. Kemball, the late Engineer of the City Improvement Trust. A similar collection of photographs were in the possession of Mrs. Burns, wife of Mr Cecil Burns, of the Bombay Art School, and also in the possession of Dr. Sidney Smith. Mr. Talati hoped that the collections may be preserved or copies of the photographs might be bound together and the album might be preserved in the library. Mr. Talati then described the Bombay of the 17th century. The slides exhibited showed—

Map of Old Bombay—A collection of 7 Islands.

Fortifications—Ramparts, Guns, Battlements, Moat, Bridges over the Moat and Gates.

Bazaar Gate.

Church Gate.

Apollo Gate.

View of the Esplanade and the sea from behind Church Gate.

Bombay Green—Central portion, Eastern portion, and Western portion.

View of the Esplanade towards the Money School from the Fort

View of Chaupati during the Back Bay Reclamation

View of the sea near the Church Gate during the Back Bay Reclamation.

Colaba Causeway.

Old "Lakdi Bunder" at Chaupati.

Road opposite the Cathedral.

View of the Cocoanut plantations as seen from the Walkeshwar Road.

Babula Tank and Sir J. J. Hospital.

Progress of Bombay—Population, Revenue, Trade, and Tonnage.

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY SENATE.

LAST evening a meeting of the Senate was held in the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall of the University, when the Hon. Mr. F. G. Selby, Vice-Chancellor, presided, and there was a pretty fair attendance of Fellows.

MATRICULATION CANCELLED.

The Senate considered a representation from Mr. Rango Keshav Sindgikar regarding an order passed by the Syndicate cancelling the Matriculation examination of his son Narayen Mr Sindgikar stated that his son attended the Bijapur High School last year, but having failed to pass the preliminary examination of that school owing to painful domestic bereavement, was refused a form by the head master. On the intercession of the guardian, however, the head master did not object to the boy appearing with a private form. The boy bona fide believing that he could appear at the examination did so and passed. Subsequently he was admitted to the Deccan College, paid the fees for two terms and attended the lectures. The Syndicate, however, cancelled the boy's Matriculation on the 18th July last. Mr. Sindgikar submitted that this punishment was most crushing and inflicted on the boy a penalty out of all proportion to the offence.

Mr. D. G Padhye and the Hon Mr. D. A. Khare had given notices to move that the order of the Syndicate be rescinded, but as the notices had not been given within the regulation time, the Vice-Chancellor ruled the propositions out of order, allowing the proposers the liberty of moving them at a future meeting.

THE L. M. AND S. EXAMINATION.

On the motion of Dr. Temulji B. Nariman, the Senate resolved to to modify Regulations 2 and 13 (2) in Medicine as to make it compulsory for students to pass the First L. M. and S. Examination before appearing for the second examination, and to do away with the present system of allowing them to appear at both the examinations at one and the same time.

This was all the business before the Senate.

THE DHARAVI FIRE.

The Fourth Victim.

Tookaram Bapu (50), a chamar, who was badly burnt in the recent fire at Dharavi and was removed to the Hospital, succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday evening.

The owners of tannery and factories where the poor people work at Dharavi have given some kind of relief to the destitutes in shape of clothes, blankets and grain, while some of the owners of the factories have made arrangements to provide shelter to the children and infants of those labourers who have been deprived of their residence and chattel.

PASSENGERS BY THE S S. 'KOERBER.'

The following passengers arrived here by the Austrian Lloyd's S.S. "Koerber" from Trieste and intermediate ports yesterday morning:—

Baldwin, Mrs, daughter and maid	Leowenthal, Revd and Mrs
	Larsen, Revd.
Bodding, Mr	Meiran, Mr
Bendien, Mr	Ostermayer, Mrs
Bleeck, Mr A W G	Rosenthal, Mr
Blun, Revd	Saker, Miss
Bishop of Agra, Most Revd	Siedlaki, Prof M
Cook, Mr J R	Stosch, Revd
Delsel, Mr and Mrs	Schrader, Miss
Geppert, Mrs	Schaefels, Revd
Gehlke, Revd	Schatti, Revd
Grim, Mr	Schubert, Mr
Giambattista, Revd Father	Ungar, Mr
Hochwart, Prof F	Voss, Mrs de
Jucker, Revd	White, Mr W J
Kuhnle, Revd	Weing, Mr
Kuhner, Revd and Mrs and 2 infants	Winkhold, Revd
	Weller, Revd
Konnerman, Mrs, and 3 children	Ziegler, Mr and Mrs
	6 Reverend Fathers
Kuenden, Miss J	3 Reverend Sisters.
Lorenz, Prof A	

PASSENGERS BY THE S S. "AUSTRIA."

THE following passengers arrived here by the Austrian Lloyd's s.s. "Austria" from Trieste and intermediate ports on Wednesday evening:—Colonel and Mrs. Craigie, Mr. and Mrs. Connell and child, Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Gerdes, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hubbard, Miss Hubbard, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Joanides, Mr. Karl Kantzky, Mrs. Maller, sister, child and infant, Mr. Muk, Dr. Schonfeld, Mr Vrionis.

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

The following in a list of Messages remaining undelivered in the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay:—

From Teracutch Soondarbai, widow Damodar Korson Vodgadi; from Rangoon, Fajalbhoy Hassunbhoy, Dungri, Palagalle; from Rajgarh, Hakim Haidar Hussein; Rajgarhwala C/o Ranetahib, Mandwa; Partabgarh, Ramphal, Upodhya; Manora, Mahomed Jafar Shekanjumialka, Carnakbundar; Madras, D A and Co; Kambar, Tahibdinowed Chandio Hajee, Kama, Musafirkhana; Karachi, Karoo Ahmed Khutri Tarra, Crones Road; Cawnpore Godoard C/o Palace.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentry and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere

HIGH COURT.

WATSON'S HOTEL ANNEXE.

Claim in Respect of a Deposit.

IN the High Court, yesterday, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell was heard the suit of Ardeshir Bezonji Surti, Managing Clerk in the service of Messrs. Wadia, Ghandhi and Co., solicitors, against (1) Sirdar Syed Alikhan, proprietor of Watson's Hotel Annexe; (2) Mirza Abbas Ali Baig, Dewan of Junaghad; (3) Ratanji Sorabji Munshi, the late lessee of the Watson's Hotel Annexe, but now an insolvent, residing in Navsari, in the territory of H. H. the Gaekwar of Baroda, and (4) Mr. R. D. Sethna, Official Assignee of the Bombay Insolvency Court, who is the assignee of the estate and effects of Mr. Munshi, the 3rd defendant. The suit was in respect of a certain deposit made by Mr. Munshi with the first defendant to which claim was laid to by three parties, viz., the plaintiff, the first defendant, and the second defendant. Mr. V. F. Taraporewala with Mr. Strangman, instructed by Messrs. Wadia, Ghandhi and Co., appeared for the plaintiff Mr. Ardeshir Surti, Mr. Lowndes, with the Hon. Mr. Scott, Advocate-General, and Mr. Raikes, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Company, appeared for the first defendant, the Sirdar. For the second defendant, the Mirza, appeared Mr. Lowndes, with Mr. Inverarity, instructed by Messrs. Captain and Vaidya.

In April 1906 defendants Nos. 3 and 1, respectively the lessee and the lessor, entered into a lease by which the 3rd defendant took up the lease of Watson's Hotal Annexe; he had to deposit as lessee security to the lessor for the proper performance of the conditions of the lease. This was Rs. 33,333. The monthly rent to be paid by the lessee was Rs. 8,333, in addition to certain charges; the premises and so forth were to be insured for Rs. 8,00,000. In November 1906, Rs. 19,895 became due on account of rent, and also on account of the deposit.

Under an agreement 24 per cent. interest was to be charged on the amount, Rs. 100 only were allowed to the third defendant for the daily bazaar expenses, and the first defendant had a charge on the outstandings and book-debts of the hotel. The third defendant was unable to pay ground rent and to meet the Municipal bills as covenanted; consequently, the first defendant as lessor, in terms of the lease, re-entered upon possession of the premises on 5th January last.

Plaintiff contended that upon such re-entry by the lessor, the lease was determined; but the only default committed on the date by the lessee, the 3rd defendant, was to pay the ground rent and the Municipal taxes. At the date of re-entry the amount of money deposited was Rs. 25,554.

In October 1906 the lessee had requested plaintiff to renew the lessee's hundis for Rs. 18,000, which the plaintiff consented to do, on the lessee's giving to him a lien on the amount of the deposit which then stood at Rs. 21,666. Plaintiff endorsed the hundis, and on the lessee's failure to pay them, he paid them, On 8th January 1907 the lessee assigned to the plaintiff the deposit, which then stood at Rs. 25,554. Notice of the assignment was given to the lessor, the first defendant, who stated that he was entitled to forfeit the deposit in question on account of the lessee's failure to carry out the conditions of the lease: there was, he added, a sum much larger than the amount deposited due to him, on account of which, and as a matter of fact, nothing would be found payable to the lessee.

Averred the plaintiff, that the lessor was not entitled to forfeit the deposit, not only on account of the lessor having determined the lease by his re-entry, but he had ceased to be entitled to retain the deposit, and he was bound to return the same to the lessee, less such sum as was due from the latter. Correspondence had on the subject showed that the Mirza, the second defendant, had given notice to the Sirdar, the lessor and the first defendant, that the lessee and the third defendant had given him the first charge on the above deposition account of a loan he had made to him. Plaintiff believed that the lessee did borrow certain moneys from Mr. Mirza, but he urged they were advanced on personal security. Amount due by the lessee to the plantiff now came to Rs. 19,000 in respect of which plaintiff sought for reliefs.

Defendants 1 and 2 had filed written statements setting forth their respective cases. No. 2, Mr. Mirza, had given to the lessee Government Paper of the full value of Rs. 16,000, as the lessee told him that he was much pressed by his creditor, Mr. Haji Jakeria Ahmad Patel, whom he wanted to pay off, and whose lien over the deposit he (the lessee) agreed to transfer to him. Mr. Mirza consented; Mr. Haji Jakeria was paid off on the 25th October 1906.

The hearing was proceeded with.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Yesterday in the High Court the Hon. Mr. Justice Davar disposed of the petition of one Krishnaji Ramchandra for letters of administration to the estate of his maternal uncle Vinayek in suit No. 23 of 1907. The caveat was put in by the granddaughter, ex-parte maternal of the deceased, Savitribai, wife of Shanker. Mr. G. G. Nadkarni, instructed by Mr. Solomon Judah, appeared for the caveatrix. The petitioner did not appear.

Mr. Nadkarni asked the Court to dismiss the petition with all costs, because both the caveatrix and the petitioner were bandhus, i. e., cognates, according to the Hindu law of inheritance prevailing in the Bombay Presidency; and the caveatrix was nearer to the deceased than the petitioner. Counsel said that the text of Manu is "To the nearest sapinda (relation) the inheritance belongs." Daughter's daughter should, therefore, be preferred to a sister's son, (See West and Buhler, page 491, and Mayne's Hindu Law, page 794.

His Lordship asked the counsel incidentally whether his client had herself applied for letters of administration, having regard to her nearness of kinship to the deceased.

The counsel replied in the negative, saying it was not obligatory upon a Hindu to apply for letters of administration. To safeguard her position she might apply if he was so advised.

His Lordship, on reading the petition, dismissed it, and awarded the caveatrix her costs of opposing the petition.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

B. A. Examination.

THE results of the B.A. examination of the University of Bombay were announced yesterday. No. 4 gets the Ellis Scholarship and the Duke of Edinburgh Fellowship No. 313 gets the James Taylor prize and the Narayen Vasudeo scholarship. Nos. 219 and 339 get halves of the Bhau Daji prize. No. 93 gets the Cobden Club medal. No. 210 gets the Wordsworth scholarship and prize. No. 124 gets the Perozshaw Merwanji Jejeebhoy Avesta and Pahlvi scholarship. The numbers of the successful candidates are as follow:

FIRST CLASS.

Nos. 4, 78, 98, 313, and 247.

SECOND CLASS.

Nos. 3, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 38, 62, 72, 81, 88, 90, 92, 93, 119, 124, 134, 143, 145, 158, 159, 166, 178, 182, 194, 202, 203, 204, 210, 213, 219, 226, 234, 239, 246, 268, 295, 296, 310, 320, 332, 339, 342, 344, 345, 346, 372, 374, 376, 397, 406, 415, 438, 440, 465, 479, 482, 487.

SECOND CLASS, SUPPLEMENTARY LIST.

Nos. 18, 19, 21, 50, 57, 64, 71, 91, 97, 101, 107, 108, 137, 148, 163, 168, 172, 179, 180, 220, 221, 244, 245, 249, 251, 254, 264, 282, 297, 302, 304, 306, 308, 309, 311, 318, 327, 358, 367, 388, 391, 393, 399, 402, 408, 430, 446, 460, 461, 469, 478, 498, 495.

PASS CLASS.

Nos. 2, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 26, 34, 35, 37, 39, 42, 44, 49, 52, 54, 58, 59, 60, 63, 65, 66, 69, 70, 74, 77, 79, 82, 84, 87, 89, 100, 112, 113, 114, 115, 122, 126, 127, 132, 136, 141, 142, 146, 147, 149, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 161, 167, 169, 177, 188, 189, 192, 193, 200, 201, 207, 208, 209, 222, 223, 224, 225, 227, 229, 230, 231, 233, 235, 238, 243, 253, 256, 257, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 267, 271, 272, 280, 283, 286, 289, 301, 316, 319, 323, 324, 326, 329, 330, 334, 335, 352, 353, 354, 356, 357, 360, 361, 363, 364, 371, 375, 379, 381, 382, 383, 389, 390, 392, 394, 395, 398, 407, 409, 417, 424, 425, 426, 427, 429, 431, 432, 435, 436, 437, [illegible], 443, 447, 448, 449, 450, 452, 454, 455, [illegible], 462, 463, 464, 466, 467, 468, 470, 471, [illegible], 473, 474, 476, 481, 483, 484, 488, 490, [illegible] 501.

NOT CLASSED.

Nos. 492, 496, 497, 498, 499, and 500.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay, December 19.

Mr Ganesh Lakshman Chandorkar, Second Class Subordinate Judge, Devgad, is granted, with effect from the date of relief, such privilege leave as may be due to him on that date, in combination with leave on medical certificate for such period of absence up to eighteen months.

Mr Narayan Abaji Parnaik, Huzur Depy Collr and Magistrate of the First Class in the dist of Kanara is invested with additional powers specified in the fourth schedule to the said Code:—

Mr Narayan Abaji Parnaik to exercise the powers contemplated in sect 8 (1) of the Reformatory Schools Act.

Mr P K Kulkarni, Acting Mamlatdar, taluka Devgad in the dist of Ratnagiri, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that dist.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr S V Shevde, Assist to the Imperial Economic Botanist, to act as Economic Botanist, Bombay Presidency, pending further orders.

Mr Asudamal Amarsing to act as Sixth Grade Depy Collr in Sind vice Mr Naraindas Motaram proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

Mr Trikamdas Rajaram to be Sixth Grade Depy Collr in Sind with effect from 3rd Oct, taking rank next below Mr Asardas Motaram on the list; but to continue to do duty as Assist Manager, Incumbered Estates in Sind.

Mr Jessing Kimatsing to continue to be sub pro tem Sixth Grade Depy Collr in Sind vice Mr Trikamdas Rajaram on deputation.

Mr Hardasmal Udernomal, B A, to be Sixth Grade Depy Collr.

Mr Tirithdas Metharam to be sub pro tem Fifth Grade Depy Collr vice Mr P R Hanson.

Mr Ilahi Bakhsh Kadir Bakhsh to be sub pro tem Sixth Grade Depy Collr vice Mr Hardasmal Udernomal.

Mr Moizuddin Khudayarkhan, who held the temporary appointment of Sixth Grade Depy Collr in Sind, to act as Sixth Grade Depy Collr from 5th Nov vice Mr Ilahi Bakhsh Kadir Bakhsh and during the absence of Mr E Sands on leave, or pending further orders.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr Vinayak Sakharam Ghate, M A, to act as Prof of Sanskrit in the Deccan College vice Mr. Kashinath Bapu Pathak, B A, proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

Mr Kashinath Ganesh Kelkar B A, Principal, Poona Training College, to act as Educational Inspr, Central Divn, during the absence on leave of Mr R D Prior, M A, Cantab, or pending further orders.

Mr Shivram Sadashiv Nadkarni, B A, Head Assist to the Director of Public Instruction, has been granted privilege leave for two months and fifteen days with effect from the 13th inst, or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Mr. Ganesh Janardhan Agashe, B. A, to act of Prof of English Literature, Deccan College, Poona, vice Mr F W Clarke M A, Cantab, retiring, as a temporary measure, pending further orders.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Messrs Krishnarao Ramchandra Islur and Shaik Hamid valad Abdul Kadir, residing at Sirsi, are appted, with effect from the 27th Jany, to be Concilators under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act, 1879, within the limits of the Sirsi Taluka in the Kanara Dist.

Mr Kisanrao Baburao Deshmukh, residing at Pangri, is appted, with effect from the 1st Jan. to be a Village Munsif under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act, 1879, for the town of Pangri in the Barsi Taluka of the Sholapur Dist vice Mr Baburao bin Madhavrao, deceased.

The Dist Judge of Poona has granted Mr Shivram Sitaram Wagle, Inspecting First Class Subordinate Judge, Poona. Satara, Sholapur and Ahmednagar Dists, privilege leave on full pay for 10 days from 15th to 24th Nov.

HIGH COURT.—DEC. 20.

Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Mr Justice Batchelor appeals for Judgment.

1501—Thakurdas & Co—Bai Sajan Laljee vs N C Macleod Payne & Co

1507—Payne & Co—Bai Ruttonbai widow vs The Fraser Ice Factory Lal Sam—Thakurdas & Co S B & Co

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice RUSSEL.

For Judgment.

324-07—Ardeshir H D & Co—Dorabjee Jamsetjee Tata and others vs Mahdina Oomer Mehta & D

757-07—Khunderao L M Bom Mancharam Pitamber and others vs Reginas Stanger M and B Chothia part heard

185-06—Hiralal and T The Advocate General of Bombay vs Lallubhoy Panvallabdas and others Captain and V part heard not to be called on

To speak to the minutes of the Consent decree.

372-06—Mulji K Fazulbhoy Peermahomed vs Sawalram Mahadeo and others—Shamrao M & N

Long Causes.

159-07—Wadia and Co Ardesir Bezonjee Scorti vs Syed Sudon Ali Khan and another and Payne and Co and C and V part-heard

185-06—Hiralal and T The Advocate General of Bombay vs Lalloobhai Pranvallabdas Captain and V

270-06—In person Cawasji Nasserwanji Billis vs Pirozbai widow and others Pestonjee R and H Little and Co

284-05—Bhaishanker K and G—Motilal Shivlal vs The Secretary of State for India in Council—E F Nicholson.

411-07—N M—Cama Nuserwanji Muncherji Cama and others vs Dookmandas Biharilal Kanga and P

869-07—Kanga and P—Rustomji Cavasji Karadi and others vs Rustomji Cawasji Karadi and another vs Ruttonji Sorabji Subodhar and others—Ardeshir H D and Co.

218-07—Bhaishanker K and G—Nanji Bariram and another vs Methabai widow and others—Madhowji K and C—M H M and R

276 07—Payne and Co—Ludha Ebrahim and Co vs Gungaprasad Dwarkaprasad Mehta and S K and P

201 07—Raghavaya B and N—Pandurag Vishnu Abhyanker and another vs Thucker Dwarkadas Valji in person

132 07—Tyabjee D and Co—Balkisondas Shivlal and another vs Gopaldas Fatechand and another

436—16056—07—Jamsetjee R and D—Noorbhoy Mahomed ally vs Noorbhoy Abdul Hossein and others Tyebjee D and Co

279 07—Jamsetjee R and D—Vischand Manaji and others vs Deschand Rawchand and others Raghavaya B and N

55-07—Bhaishanker K and G—Girdharlal Chotalal a firm vs Jinabhai Chatordas Mansukhlal J and H

308-05—Thakurdas and Co N C—Macleod vs Joomabhai Jan Mahomed and another Tyabjee D and Co

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice DAVAR.)

Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.

Long Causes.

271-05—Mehta and D—Alsbabai widow vs Ebrahim Haji Jacob and others—Payne and Co and C and V partheard

956-07—Mirza M and M—Vinayakrao Ramchandra Abityabai—Dikshit D and S

Testamentary Suit.

15—07 and 16—07—Mirza M and M—Venayekrao Ramchandra—Abityabai Dikshit D and Co.

Long Causes.

710-06—Matubhai J and M—Goolamhoosen Fazulbhai vs Ahmed Cassum Patel—In person

268-06—Edgelow G W and Co—Shapurji Hormusji Mistri vs Rasa baili Rahimtula Mirza M and M,

401-05—Ardeshir H D and Co Perozhah Pestonji Bharucha Aimai widow and others—K D Shroff

58-07—Jehangir and S—Thucker Virji Madawji vs Kharsedji Manockji and others—Captain and V

215-07—Bicknell M and R—Ramdas Damodar and another vs Damodar Jewandas—Unwalla and P

771-06—Craigie L and O—Jumnadas Narrondas and others vs The Advocate General of Bombay Little and Co N H & Co and W G and Co

For taking evidence on Chamber Summons.

In the Matter of the arbitration Act IX of 1899 and in the matter of the arbitration between Mahomed Yousuf Banu and others parties to suit No 229 of 1901 and another Ismail Oomerji Mugera—Ardeshir H D and Co Hawaboo and others Petitioners Ismail Oomerji and others Respondent

Long Causes

60-07—Khunderao L and M—Nagardas Vatsraj vs Anandrao Bhai and others Bicknell M and M and M S B and Co

327-07—Bicknell M and M—Anandrao Bhai vs Sittabai widow and others Smetham B and Co K L and M

326 07—Bicknel M and M—Anandrao Bhai vs Lixmon Shivaji Maskh and another Smetham B and K L and M

478 07—Thakurdas and Co—Shapoorji Burjorjee Fraser vs Dayal, Muljee Smetham B and Co,

520 07—Smetham B and Co—Dayal Muljee vs The Fraser Ice Factory D and others Thakurdas and Co,

230 07—Kanga and P—Haroon Adam vs Adarjee Jamsetjee Banthaky—Nanu H and Co,

102 07—Shamrao M and H Rustoomjee Jehanger vs Adarjee Jamsetjee Panthaky Nanu H and Co,

(Before the Hon Mr Justice BEAMAN.)

Suits for hearing and final disposal

Long causes.

247-07—Thakurdas and Co, Fatechand Khoobchand the firm vs Alibai Kaderbhai and another Jamsetji R and D part-heard

106-07—Daphtary F and D—Jaswoopjee Saidarmul vs Kikabhai Premchand and others—Thakurdas and Co

138-07—Malvi H M and R Jivandas Dhunji vs Keshowji Herjee—Dikshit D and S

488-07—Tyabji D and Co—Tricumdas Cooverji vs Ranchordas Canji—Payne and Co

492-07—Payne and Co—Sorabji Dadabhoy and another vs Erachshaw Jamsetji Hakim—Pestonji R and K

511-07—Kanga and P—Yacoob Ebrahim Sayani vs Bai Rehmetbai widow and others—Payne and Co

57-04—Tyabji D and Co—Sukhanand Gurmukrai and others vs Chandrabhan Mohanlal and others—Payne and Co

191-07—Khunderao L and M—Gunpatrao Morarji Zaoba vs Wamanrao Shamrao and others—Nanu H and Co.

378-13581-05—Matubhoy J and M—Sahabram Nehalchand vs Karendas Chhotmal and others—Payne and Co.

134-07—Mulji and K—Shanker Dagroo vs Pestonji Cowasji Cantinwala and others—Raghavaya B and N.

769-06—Dinshaw and D—Lachmandas Mooltamal and another vs Ravatmal Tarachand and others—Daphtary F & D.

(Before the Hon. Justice MACLEOD.

For Consent Decree.

844-07 T A Ghandy Kallepully Bullaya and another vs Kalepully Soobarao Mullanad M

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long causes.

576-07—Hiralal and Co—Eduljee Cowasjee Plumber vs The Paris India—Bicknell M and R.

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THE "LORD MAYOR'S" BANQUET.

It is a very simple matter to suggest that the President of the Corporation shall entertain his friends and colleagues and the representative men of Bombay at a banquet, but not quite so simple to induce him to do so. With the present President it is all very well, for he is a man of means, and it may be there are half a dozen others able and willing to spend four or five hundred pounds for a single pleasant evening. But the chair in the Council Chamber is supposed to be accessible to all, as the field-marshal's baton is to the soldier. If it is to become a customary thing to give a Lord Mayor's banquet in the Municipal Hall once a year, there will be fewer aspirants for the Civic Chair, which will become the monopoly of the affluent at the expense, probably, of the capable. There are doubtless many people who would prefer the Municipal President to be a man accustomed to think in lakhs rather than in tens of rupees, and there are conceivably others who would prefer being called to order by a man of substance than by a man who has been pitchforked into his position by the intrigues of a clique. No Town Councillor or Alderman at Home ever undertakes the Mayoralty unless he is in a position to uphold the honour and dignity of the office, so perhaps the imposition of some such penalty of greatness might not be resented here. But the utility of such a gathering, which ought properly to follow immediately after the election of a President, was manifested on Wednesday evening, when the principal guest at the Lord Mayor's banquet was the King's representative and Members of his Council, the heads of the various departments of State who corresponded to the Cabinet Ministers who dine with the Lord Mayor of London. There might well have been more speeches on Wednesday, and Members of Council have followed the example of Cabinet Ministers in giving the public some idea of their schemes for the betterment of the material condition of the people and of the development of the land they live in, of interests a little beyond those which most immediately affect the Council Chamber. But these things may come if Wednesday evening's gathering be the forerunner of an annual assembly.

Mr. Vithaldas Damodher Thackersey, the genial host, made an excellent speech. He is an Indian gentleman who has clearly seen the true needs of the country—as the Hon'ble Mr. Dunn said, and has turned his attention to the Swadeshi question in the true and legitimate meaning of the expression—the meaning in which we can allow him with warmest appreciation. After recounting the charms and resources of the City over whose destinies he presides, he referred to the work the Municipality is accomplishing. "Most of all," said he, "are we here proud of our Municipal administration, which, thanks to the indefatigable and unselfish efforts of able and eminent citizens, and also to the excellent officers whom Government has been pleased to lend us from time to time as Municipal Commissioners, is acknowledged to be the best in India." "Although we are so proud of our City," added the President, "we are not unmindful of several of its defects. It holds, we know, insanitary areas where plague, malaria, phthisis and other diseases find ample food. These, however, we are glad to think, are being gradually removed. In this Hall our attention has been seriously directed from month to month to the improvement of our water-supply, of our roads and of our drains. Medical relief and primary education, the liability for which has devolved upon us by the important settlement lately effected in exchange for Police charges, are receiving our careful attention." And then it was that the practical utility of such a forgathering as Wednesday's made itself plain, for the Municipal President was able to invite the attention of the Governor to the schemes and projects the Municipality has under its consideration—questions of great importance in regard to which it cannot go forward without Government co-operation. Foremost among these, of course, is the problem of over crowding, to which His Excellency in Council the other day, addressed himself in a letter to the local authorities. "But," observed Mr. Vithaldas, "we may open up large areas, destroy insanitary dwellings, improve our communication by tram and rail, provide overbridges, concentrate our trade near the docks, carry out reclamation schemes and provide building sites in the north of the island. We may do all these things, excellent in themselves, but I do not see how the poor are to get their accommodation at a rental they can afford to pay unless the important public bodies take a practical interest in the subject. The Municipality is quite ready to take the initiative and provide accommodation for its menial employes if allowed to raise a long term loan. Then the Port Trust may provide for its employees. Government may do something for their servants, while the carrying out of the scheme for housing the mill-hands by inducing the mill-owners to help the Improvement Trust by providing a guarantee against loss, which was agreed to so far back as 1903, is to my mind the only possible way to successfully meeting the present situation."

His Excellency the Governor's response was not altogether a reply to the speech of Mr. Vithaldas, but it was eminently satisfactory, as far as it went, and sufficiently gratifying to the Corporators, who were nothing loth to hear their praises sung. His Excellency did well to remind them that the success of Municipal institutions depends upon what may be called local patriotism—the willingness of able and upright citizens to make necessary sacrifices of time and trouble which services on a Corporation or a Local Board may demand. And as Sir George Clarke observed, Bombay is fortunate in having so many able men with great business experience who have freely given their time to its affairs—and who presumably will continue to do so, now that the Governor has challenged them to provide or adopt a reasoned policy for the development of the City. Such a policy would no doubt have been adopted when, in Lord Reay's time, the subject came under consideration. Since then there has been too much to do, combating plague and famine, to devote the requisite amount of time to the preparation of schemes which posterity may or may not improve upon. Still we seem now to be in a fair way to undertake the task of drawing up a policy which may be followed for, say, twenty years. The variety of complex problems may disappear before the magic wand Sir George Clarke possesses and crooked paths may become straight. His Excellency, relying on the good work which has been done by the Corporation as an indication of the greater work which may be accomplished if a programme for some years be laid down and problems be dealt with in the order of their urgency and importance, sought the advice and asked the co-operation of the Corporation. Their predecessors failed to realise, what is fully recognised now, that Bombay is one of the greatest commercial centres of the world. We do not think that the Corporation as at present constituted, and working together so harmoniously and with such oneness of purpose, as it has for the past six months, will fail to respond to His Excellency's invitation.

A FUEL-LESS ENGINE. Looking back over the histories of the greatest inventions that have been made one is struck with the past that the majority originated in some form of amusement. Even the steam engine originated through a boy wondering what would happen if he blocked up the spout of a kettle and fastened down the lid. From such a small beginning we have been led on to the engine which takes us at sixty miles an hour and the motor-car which does a great deal more. Many other instances might be given, but it is unnecessary, for their name is legion. Another case is now added to the list and it promises to be of far-reaching effect in tropical climates. Some seventy years ago Sir John Herschel made some interesting observations of the heating power of the sun. The experiments were made near Capetown and he found that the ground becomes very hot in the early afternoon, temperatures of 150 and 160 degrees Fahrenheit being quite common just beneath the surface of ordinary garden world. And he made the further very important discovery that when the heat communicated from the sun is confined and prevented from escaping, and so forced to accumulate, very high temperatures are attained. Thus in a small mahogany box, blackened inside, covered with window-glass fitted to the size, but without putty, and simply exposed perpendicularly to the sun's rays, an enclosed thermometer marked 150 degrees and upwards. And when the same box, with its enclosed thermometer, was established under an external frame of wood, well sanded up at the sides, and protected by a sheet of window-glass (in addition to that of the box within), the temperature reached as much as 240 to 248 degrees. Herschel, being a very human scientist, used to amuse his friends by cooking food in this way, little thinking that one day a company would be formed to work his discovery as a valuable commercial asset. It is Mr. Frank Schuman, an American, who has recognised the possibilities, and after many experiments on a large scale has constructed a perfectly satisfactory engine, and, American-wise, he advertises his invention, or rather his adaption of someone else's invention, in a pamphlet called "Solar Power the Prime Mover of the Immediate Future." Mr. Schuman's engine which is working at a pump in Tacomy, in Philadelphia, consists essentially of a greatly enlarged form of Herschel's "Hot Box," in which the steam pipes are laid. Above these pipes are two layers of window-glass with an air space of about one inch between them. The radiant heat from the sun passes readily through the glass to the blackened iron pipes, but cannot so readily pass out again, and so the temperature under the glass rises to fully 240 degrees even in the relatively cool and damp climate of Philadelphia. Within the tropics, of course, a much higher degree could be attained. Very obvious advantages are that while the first cost of construction is not greater than that of a good modern steam plant of the same power, the cost of attendance is trifling, the wear and tear are small, and the cost of fuel is *nil*. The most engaging thing about Mr. Schuman is that he owns that so far he is only on the edge of that which he desires. His engine has faults and these faults have taught him much, amongst other things how to avoid them in future, but despite these same faults his engine pumped one hundred thousand barrels of water without ever stopping while there was any sunshine at all to use. From the economic point of view the value of the discovery is immense Every foot pound of energy generated by such engines is a foot pound saved from the world's diminishing fuel supply, and will eventually allow of fuel being used only in those cases where it is absolutely essential. Of course the engine will not run at night, but there are many instances where the engine is only required to run in the day-time, and if Mr. Schuman can overcome the scepticism with which he is bound to be greeted, he should make a fortune. We should like to hear more of the machine, and meantime give him a little advice as to how to gain a really good advertisement. The Collector of Customs at Colombo is a great authority on prime mover. He has excluded motors from the list, and Mr. Schuman's engine should have quite exciting adventures in Colombo harbour.

PLAGUE IN THE PRESIDENCY. As far as Bombay is concerned the old theory that plague is worse in the cold weather than in the hot, while remaining as a general fact, is becoming sadly shaken as regards side issues and reasons. It was generally supposed that the cause of the increase on the approach of the cold weather was that greater numbers sleep indoors than when the weather is warm. The nights in November were cold enough, especially when contrasted to the abnormally hot October through which we passed this year, and yet the number of cases of plague in the City in October was 134 as against only 84 in November, the deaths numbering 106 in October and 70 in November. On former occasions this year the figures for the Presidency have shown a startling disproportion to those of Bombay City, yet in November the proportions are very marked. While decreases have been the rule in recent months in Bombay, increases have been the rule in the mofussil. In September, for instance, there were 36,116 cases and 25,017 deaths, increasing to 42,297 cases and 30,849 deaths in October. But instead of an increase in November there was a remarkable decrease, the numbers being only 19,727 cases and 14,692 deaths, although the number of infected places remained unaltered at 1,065. No one knows whence plague came, but it may be that now the germ has become acclimatised and prefers the hot weather; at least it is clear that the virulence of the hot weather attack has abated with the advent of cold nights. The decrease was general. Only in eight districts were increases recorded, of which Sind with Karachi City and District, Hyderabad and Sukkur occupied four. In Karachi City the increase was nearly three-fold to 146 cases and 129 deaths, while in the District the increases are from 31 cases and 27 deaths to 112 cases and 60 deaths. All the other increases were insignificant especially when compared with some of the enormous decreases. In the Satara District, for instance, there was a decrease of nearly ten thousand cases, while Belgaum had more than two thousand less cases to record, and in the Kolhapur and Southern Maratha Country the figures dropped from 11,550 cases to 4,284 cases. Only two places became free, the Savanur and the Savantvadi States, and their places were taken by the Hyderabad and Sukkur Districts. The time certainly seems one when inoculation should prove most profitable if it be intended to stamp out the scourge.

THE PACIFIC FLEET SCARE. How much reliance is to be placed on the "sensational stories" of the New York Press regarding the landing of Japanese servants from the Pacific Fleet is hard to guage. It is highly probable that a most efficient system of secret service has been carried on and, all things considered, no one will blame Japan for having adopted so simple a method of getting the information she requires. The extraordinary part seems that the American Naval Department has allowed itself to be caught napping. It has been shown on many occasions that Japan has an exceptionally efficient Intelligence Department and the Japanese are notoriously self-sacrificing in their patriotism. We are not surprised to hear that experts have accepted the humble position of servants in order to acquire the information they require, but we doubt whether the stories in New York are altogether reliable. What has probably happened is that one or two suspicious incidents have occurred, that some spy has allowed his zeal to outrun his discretion and that an attack of nerves has caused an order to dismiss the innocent with the guilty. The New York press attitude is less hard to conjecture. "You provide the pictures, I'll provide the war" is an historic message now, and Mr. Hearst, having spent much trouble in stirring up ill-feeling between the two nations, has no doubt seized the opportunity to leaven an excellent sensation with a little truth. But there is no need to fear serious complications from the lack of precaution of a man who will propably be punished for his indiscretion by his own Government. Spying is not a cause of war; it is an every day occurrence necessary for the peace of nations.

THE N. Y. K. steamer "Riojun Maru" left Moji for Hongkong on the 17th instant.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. "Peninsular," with the homeward Mails of the 14th instant, arrived at Aden at 6-30 p.m.. on Wednesday, the 18th instant.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. "Macedonia," with the outward Mails of the 13th instant, left Suez at 5 a.m., on Thursday, the 19th instant.

MR. HARDLESS, the Government handwriting expert, had a narrow escape, we are told, in the Jhajha Railway accident on Wednesday.

THE hearing commenced before Mr. Ghose at Chandpur on Wednesday of the case in which Captain Anderson charges Paresh Chandra Sen with pushing him into a stream last August.

REORGANISATION schemes are understood to have been sanctioned for the Burma Land Record Department and for the Subordinate Staff of the Burma Agricultural Department.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in India will take place in Calcutta from the 28th to 31st instant. His Honour Sir Andrew Fraser will be Moderator of the Assembly.

THE Cape Town correspondent of the "Times" says that many persons are seeking employment in Rhodesia. The authorities issue a warning that no one is wanted unless skilled in some definite trade.

WE are informed that H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore has consented to be patron of the National Medical College of India, Calcutta, as "the institution reflects much credit on the many patriotic and eminent physicians who have started it."

SOME interesting evidence was given before the Decentralisation Commission in Rangoon by the Chief and Revenue Secretaries of the Burma Government. Both the Chief and the Revenue Secretary were convinced that the creation of Advisory Boards and the extension of powers to Local Bodies in Burma would end in failure.

DURING the week ending 17th December the number of chests of opium removed from the Warehouse in Bombay was 41. Of these 31 were shipped to China, one to Zanzibar, and the farmers at the following stations purchased :—Rajkote ½, Gondal 2, Porbander 1, Morvi 1½, Surat 3 and Wadhwan 1. Eleven chests were imported from Indore.

THE growth of London is amazing as we pointed out the other day, but we never realized that Camden Town had become "an East-end District of London," as a contemporary, with a hauteur which is almost Park-lanish, informs us. Hampstead, too, we suppose. Perhaps the growth of the Franco-British exhibition has squeezed them out of their old localities.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending Dec. 17 was 630, giving a death-rate of 32·01 per annum per thousand as against 30·15 the corresponding period of last year, and 41·40 the average over the past five years. Of the total number, 63 died from fevers; 11, plague; 5, small-pox; 2, measles; 2, cholera; 2, leprosy; 34, phthisis; 84, diseases of the nervous system; 187, affections of the respiratory organs; 27, diarrhœa; 25, dysentery; 38 still-born; 87, old age and debility; 18, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 15; Brahmin, 31; Lingayet, 3; Bhattia, 6; Hindus of other castes, 280; Hindus low caste, 81; Musulman, 143; Parsee, 17; Jew, 3; Native Christian, 18; Eurasian, 3; European, 2; other and unknown castes, 1. The total number of births was 515 as against 411 the corresponding period of last year, and 469 the average over the past five years.

PLAYS AND PASTIMES.

VARIETIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, NOVEMBER 29.

What an amazingly comic person Mr. Seymour Hicks is, to be sure! Not content with sending his audiences at the Aldwych into seismic spasms of laughter, he must needs invent a funny piece for the Tivoli, while, to cap it all, he has thought of some humorous names for his principal characters. The piece which Mr. Hicks has prepared for production at the Tivoli next week is entitled "A Dress Rehearsal," which is by Seymour Hicks and A. C. Robati (Acrobat—see?), with music by Frank Tours and A. Lotte (of other is meant, of course).

Still more killingly funny is the cast. Look well at the names of the characters and mark the wondrous humour of it all :—

Mr. Bush, an Actor Manager, Mr. Lawrence Caird
Cervantes Hall Pain, An Author Mr. Tom Graves
Grabot Quick, of the "Evening News" Mr. Compton Contts
Prawleen Race, a Star.....Miss Rosie Cheesy
Fullus Flare, a Shooting Star...Miss Katie Butler
Charles, a Call Boy.....Mr. McCaig
Mr. Calls Off .....Stage Hands
A First Night Enthusiast.....Mr. Bertie White.

Then follow "Stage Decorations," which, we find are played by eight young ladies, while Mr. Cyrll Clensey, an accomplished mimic, is billed to impersonate nearly a dozen of our most popular players, including Mr. Hicks himself. The scene is laid in Mr. Bush's (not Mr. Twig's nor Mr. Branch's nor Mr. Trunk's, but Mr. Bush's) office adjoining the stage of the Anyone Theatre. And — but, there, it's impossible to hold the pencil for laughing, so we shall be content to wait this merry piece on Monday evening.

Perhaps it is merely coincidence, and perhaps it is more a matter of fashion, but the fact remains that the Empire as well as the Tivoli, and the Tivoli no less than the Empire, will have next week a production of which mimicry of popular performers will be the chief feature. At the Empire the art of Mr. Arthur Playfair as the imitator of the evening will be displayed in a skitty sketch entitled "The Nonsensor, or Signs of the Times," from which it will be seen that the wits are at work in Leicester-square as well as elsewhere. At any rate, "The Nonsensor," as some perspicacious persons may discern, has to do with a certain warned-off as well. Mr. Playfair will find his chance in impersonating Tree (not Bush, you will observe this time) Alexander (in a mock scene from "The Thief.") and other eminent people. During these impersonations Mr. Playfair is continually objected to by the censor, and so the fun of the thing is envolved. Mr. Herbert Swears is, it is understood, responsible for the kit.

NEW YORK AND THE APOLLO.

It would puzzle Polonius himself to find the right rubric for Mr. Longdon Mitchell's play, "The New York Idea." It very much more than a farce, and yet it is much too farcical to be called without qualification, a comedy. One thing, however, it certainly is—a keen and very witty satire upon the state of things brought about in American society by the facility of divorce, and the still greater facility of marriage. So entirely local is its satiric application that on reading it I doubted very much whether it would be comprehensible to an English audience. The doubt was quite groundless. The performance at the Apollo Theatre shows how close England and America really are, and how futile is "the cold interposition of the sea." A company composed almost exclusively of English actors misses scarcely a point in the interpretation of Mr. Mitchell's play, which is as entertaining in London as it can possibly have been in New York. One incidental circumstance, by the way, tends to bring it home to British sympathies; it is largely concerned with horse-racing, and that is a topic to which the great heart of England never fails to thrill.

MISS MAY AND MISS DRESSLER.

During the past few days paragraphs of a more or less cryptic character have appeared in newspapers setting forth the probability of Miss Edna May's return to the stage. In one quarter it was stated with more circumstantial detail than the rest that Mrs. Oscar Lewisohn would probably be seen in a musical comedy, while from an altogether different source, it was said that the services of the lady had been offered to a well-known variety theatre manager. As to the paragraphs in question, we are asked by Miss Jane May (Mrs. Oscar Lewisohn's sister) to state that there is not a vestige of foundation for any such announcement.

CONCERNING MISS MARIE DRESSLER.

Nothing has yet been decided as to Miss Marie Dressler's appearance after the conclusion of her present immensely successful engagement at the Palace, nor can it be said with any chance of accuracy when that engagement will terminate. Mention has been made of the possibility of her appearance in musical comedy, but here again only the vaguest of guesses could be made. Miss Dressler has in her possession the book of a musical comedy by a well-known author, and the piece contains a part which she thinks would suit her so well that she is, very naturally, inclined to favourably consider the idea of appearing in it.

Miss Dressler may appear in this piece and she may, on the other hand, join the cast of a musical comedy which is at present one of the chief successes of the West End. Nothing is settled.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

As a game of football under the worst possible conditions, that played at Richmond this week between the Universities and a team drawn from the Midlands and East Midland Clubs was quite interesting. In a way it was a triumph over the weather, but as a trial of strength between men who are presumably candidates for international honours I am afraid it must be written down as almost a failure.

No new lessons were taught the Rugby Union selectors. The match broke no new ground. We were not introduced to any new champion. We already knew the form of the majority, if not all, of the players who took part in this match, and one such a day as yesterday, when rain fell heavily and almost incessantly, and the ball was heavy and greasy, and the ground holding, no player could be expected to show more than his normal form.

And besides, the Varsities without Vassall, Steinthal, Williamson, Hodges and Wix, and the Midlands unable to command the services of C. C. Wood and Palmer, cannot be accepted as the best possible teams that could have been got together. Under more favourable circumstances, however, it is possible that the match would have been an unqualified success, and perhaps of real assistance to the makers of England's team.

The fashion to tilt at the English selectors is an old one but it need not be slavishly followed and while I doubt the utility of such a game as that played at Richmond I think it should be seriously taken as an earnest desire on the part of those responsible for the building of the country's fifteens to put representative English Rugby on the best possible basis.

MOTORING.

In consequence of requests having been addressed to the Brooklands Automobile Racing Club for facilities to be afforded for the establishment of records in the four standard classes (26 h.p., 40 h.p., 60 h.p. and 90 h.p.), the committee at their last meeting decided to countenance short and long distance record performances in each class, the short records to be over a distance of half a mile, with a flying start, and the long ones over ten laps from a standstill. The present holder of both records in the 26 h.p. and 40 h.p. classes is Mr. S. F. Edge.

Quite the latest in motoring literature is the book entitled "Motorynge in Ye Myddle Ages," recently published by Messrs. T. Sealey Clark and Co. It consists of a series of amusing poems written and illustrated in a quaint mediæval style by Mr. Reginald Rigby. The book would form an admirable Christmas gift for one's motoring friends, but one is forced to admit that there is little of motoring in it. The first set of verses details the doughty deeds of one Fitz-Gubbins, who endeavours to elope with his "fayre ladye" in an automobile, but the reader searches in vain for further "automobilism" episodes.

R. C.

WITH reference to the Government of India Notification appointing certain representatives of the East Indian Railway employees to serve on the Board of Conciliation, Mr. Engleken having intimated his inability to serve, it has been directed that Mr. E. Forester, an Asansol Guard, whose name stands fourth on the list of nominees, shall replace him.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING'S WORK.

We were glad to see the Nobel prize "for the most distinguished work of an idealistic tendency in the field of literature" awarded to Mr. Kipling. We think it could not have been more fittingly bestowed. At the same time we expect there will be many people questioning the rightness of the award, because there is much of Mr. Kipling's work which has not this idealistic tendency. In fact there is very little of it in his prose writings, and these constitute the bulk of his work, and by them he is best known. We think, too, that these are his best work from a literary point of view.

As a writer of short Stories he is unsurpassed by any living writer. Indeed, with the exception of Mr. Maurice Hewlett, no one approaches him. In his prose writings Mr. Kipling is an artist—a Hogarth of the barrack-room and the battle-field, not to mention the many other fields into which his genius has led him. Here he is realistic more than idealistic. He 'paints the thing as he sees it, for the God of things as they are'. He has all the qualifications necessary for an artist in miniature. He has the seeing eye, and is both terse and graphic. Whether he be describing the engines of a steamship, the charm of an English summer day, the horrors of war or the vagaries of a drunkard, he makes his pictures stand out as distinct and as true as a photograph. He has an intimate knowledge of human nature at its best, and at its worst, and like the true artist he shows us both sides. He is always true to life and therein lies the secret of his popularity. He gives us his men and women without any veneer.

Mr. Kipling has been blamed for selecting what is called "low types." We do not see he is to blame on this account any more than Shakespeare is blameable for creating, and revelling in the character of Falstaff, or for never having created an heroic type. A contemporary of ours speaks of Kipling's pen as "dipped in beer." Why not in beer as well as in champagne? For ourselves we prefer Kipling's bitter beer to the sweet and sickly wines of Swinburne, to whom our contemporary is so attached. In the puzzle of existence

Malt does more than Milton can,
To justify God's ways to man.

And it cannot be denied that a majority of the pioneers of civilization, men who are the means whereby Christianity works, are men who prefer a public house to a chapel; men whose language is frequent and painful and free. It is these men who fight the savage wars of peace, who drive ships and engines, who build bridges and make roads and canals. Mr. Kipling's realism has done much to give us a better understanding of the depths as well as the heights of human nature. It is no reproach to dip your pen in beer provided it is not—as it is not in Mr. Kipling's case—adulterated beer.

We said there was very little of an idealistic tendency in Mr. Kipling's prose. But has he not idealized the beasts of the field in his inimitable Jungle books? If we had to choose which of Mr. Kipling's prose writings we would retain if all the others were blotted out, we are not sure we would not choose these, which so charmingly remind as of our kinship with the great animal world.

When we come to consider Mr. Kipling's poetry, we are faced by a very different type of work to that we find in his prose. Some of it is merely bald descriptive versification, not always first class—often only redeemed from mediocrity by a saving sense of humour and a clever command of language. Mr. Kipling, like Wordsworth, indeed like every other poet, has written a lot of verses which are poor stuff, but he has also written a great many which are most admirable, and it is by these he must be judged. That he has written high class poetry we are not prepared to affirm. Mr. Kipling seldom, if ever, reaches the height attained by such poets as Wordsworth, Keats and Tennyson. He does not call down music from the silent spheres and translate it into the language of men. His poetry is of the type which the Hebrew poets wrote: his mind is set upon righteousness. A stern religiousness pervades his best poetry, often making it didactic, always making it impressive. "All thy works praise Thee oh! Lord" is the burden of his song. He sees "Predestination in the stride of the connecting rod." To him the white crests of the storm waves are the "white horses of the Lord." His idealism lifts even a steam engine into a Voice of God, which teaches "Law, Order, Duty and Restraint, Obedience, Discipline." He sees the big South Drift grind "like the mills of God." He sees that the bell buoy which lifts to the swell and calls to the drowsy crew, does a work as holy as that of the Church bells which call to prayer. The little, lost, Down churches themselves "praise the Lord who made the hills." Such idealism could not of course end here, and in Mr. Kipling it has specially been directed towards elevating our national ideals. Mr. Kipling does not blink facts. He holds that the English-speaking people have been, and still are, the pioneers of mankind in the work of civilization. This he tells them, is their God-given heritage. It is theirs to keep it, but it must be purified and ennobled. He has, therefore, sought to give a religious fervour to the civilizing work of the English nation. He exhorts them

To find and fashion and fulfil
The cleaner life, the sterner code.

He calls to them to give their best to the world.

Send forth the best ye breed;
Go bind your sons to exile.
To serve your captives' need.

It is your business, he says

To seek another's profit;
To work another's gain.

He calls to the nation to put away idiot pride and vain boasting, and to remember that they hold dominion over palm and pine beneath the awful Hand of God.

A contemporary of ours finds in the "White Man's Burden" and in the "Recessional Hymn," from which we have quoted above, an echo of the Pharisee thanking God he is not as other men are. We do not find this. We find a prayer that the English nation may humble themselves before God, and make themselves fit to do His work. Mr. Kipling has idealized the old patriotism which looked only to its own advantage, into an Imperialism that aims at the advantage of the world. It is not aggressive but educative: it would rather bring peace than a sword. Its aim should be, not the momentary satisfaction of the present, but

The imperishable plinth of things
Seen and unseen, that touch our peace,

Mr. Kipling does not seek the victory of the "senseless bullet" or of the "barren shrapnel," but of the mind of man. We will join hands, he sings, against the real foes of mankind, against

The hailstroke and the storm,
And the red and rustling cloud that blows
The locust's mile-deep-swarm:
Frost and murrain and floods let loose
Shall launch us side by side
In the holy wars that have no truce
Twixt seed and harvest tide.

Mr. Kipling's Imperialism certainly begins at home. All sound reforms must. But it seeks to embrace the world,

Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways,
Baulking the end half-won for an instant dole of praise,
Stand to your work and be wise—certain of sword and pen,
Who are neither children nor Gods, but men in the world of woes.

This is the true Idealism,—the Idealism of the sword, and the plough and the hammer and the common tasks of mankind.

THE following from the "Japan Weekly Chronicle" will be read with interest in connection with Sir Thomas Sutherland's recent lament about the severity of Japanese competition between India and Japan. Count Okuma is reported to have declared to the members of the Kobe Chamber of Commerce :—"The three hundred millions of India who were oppressed by Europeans were looking for the protection of Japan from the oppression of Europe. Indians were fomenting an agitation for the boycott of European goods and if the Japanese failed to avail themselves of the opportunity, they were disappointing the Indian people. If they refused to take what was sent by Heaven, they would be punished accordingly." If this is to be relied on, Japanese political friendship does not prevent Japan trying to "best" her ally on the latter's own territory.

ANOTHER POLICE SCANDAL.

END OF NOTORIOUS MURDER TRIAL.

"Twisting Facts to Suit Theories."

A JUDGE'S COMMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

Extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed at the Old Bailey, thousands cheering the Artist Wood, on his acquittal on the charge of murdering an unfortunate at Camden Town.

The Judge described it as the most remarkable trial of his time.

The papers publish leaders dwelling on the interest of the case arising not from the procedure in Court, but from the police methods of investigation, which the papers declare were faulty and showed a tendency to twist facts to suit theories.

THE U. S. PACIFIC FLEET.

Efficiency Doubted.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

It is stated in New York that Admiral Evans, after the Pacific Fleet had sailed, announced that he will return via Suez.

The New York Press is heatedly discussing whether the ships are as efficient as they are supposed to be.

THE ORANGIA PARLIAMENT.

First Meeting.

LONDON, DECEMBER 18.

A telegram from Bloemfontein states that the first Parliament has met, and the Members have been sworn in.

ANOTHER AMERICAN BANK FAILURE.

Cashier Commits Suicide.

LONDON, DECEMBER 18.

The Jewellers' National Bank of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, with deposits of over a million dollars, has not opened its doors.

The Cashier has committed suicide.

IRISH CATTLE-DRIVING TRIALS.

Special Juries Granted.

LONDON, DECEMBER 18.

In the King's Bench Division, in Dublin, the Crown asked for the empanelment of a Special Jury to deal with cases of cattle-driving in view of the disagreement of Common Juries.

The application was granted.

LIEUT. WOODS' CASE.

Officers' Defence Expenses Refunded.

RESIGNATION UNDER PROTEST.

LONDON, DECEMBER 18

The Government has authorised the Treasury to refund the expenses to which Officers were put in defending themselves against Lieutenant Woods' charges.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

Lieutenant Woods has resigned under protest..

H. H. JAM RANJITSINGHJI.

Entertainment to Lord Curzon

LONDON, DECEMBER 18.

Lord Curzon was among the guests of H. H. Jam Ranjitsinghji at a luncheon at the Grosvenor Hotel yesterday.

UNITED EMPIRE CLUB.

Brilliant Inaugural Dinner.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

Lord Milner presided at the inaugural dinner of the United Empire Club.

There was a brilliant attendance including the Duke of Marlborough, Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, Mr Austen Chamberlain and Mr. George Wyndham.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

LONDON, DECEMBER 18.

A wireless telephonic message was sent yesterday from Berlin to Copenhagen.

INDIA COUNCIL RELEASES GOLD.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19,

The India Council has released £500,000.

THE TRANSVAAL MINES.

Annual Output in Gold and Diamonds.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19,

A telegram from Johannesburg states that the report of the Government Mining Engineer for 1906-07 shows that the total mineral output has been £30,111,798 of which gold was valued at £26,640,490 and diamonds at £2,203,511.

THE TEST MATCH.

England's First Win.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

Australia has won the first test match by two wickets.

JAPAN AND CANADA.

The Premier's Views.

HOPES FROM THE LEMIEUX MISSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

A telegram from Ottawa states that Sir W. Laurier, speaking in the House of Representatives, said there was every reason to believe that the Mission of Mr. Lemieux, Canadian Minister of Labour, to Japan, would have a satisfactory termination.

Sir W. Laurier added that he believed that the Japanese Government had acted in good faith, but they had evaded an understanding regarding restricted immigration.

The remedy, he said, was legislation by Japan and not by Canada.

LATER.

Other telegrams from Ottowa quote Sir W. Laurier as saying that he believed the Japanese Government had acted in good faith, but an understanding regarding restricted immigration had been evaded by enterprising parties.

Sir W. Laurier also said that the immigration of Japanese and Chinese could not be treated alike.

Japan was the ally of the Motherland and conceded Canada important trade privileges.

It was necessary, he said, to withold a complete statement until the return of Mr. Lemieux.

KING OSCAR'S FUNERAL.

King Haakon Present.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

The late King Oscar was buried to-day with great pomp. The Kings of Sweden and Denmark Prince Arthur of Connaught and the foreign princes marched in procession to and the Queens drove to the church.

RAILWAY CONCILIATION BOARD.

Successful Termination of Proceedings.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Press Communique—The Conciliation Board appointed by the Government to consider certain representations submitted by the Drivers of the East Indian Railway have, after a sitting of 3 days, completed their labours.

The principal points involved in the representations were. . . . (1) The mileage rate; (2) the pay of mail and Express Drivers; (3) Holidays and Leave Rules. And many other points of a technical nature.

It is satisfactory to learn that an agreement was come to on all matters unanimously by the full Committee and there is every reason to hope that in future Boards of Conciliation may afford a satisfactory means of settling disputes arising on any railway.

EAST INDIA RAILWAY.

Vigorous Strike Anticipated.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 19.

A Cawnpore correspondent informs the "Indian Daily Telegraph" that it is believed that secret coded telegrams have been received by all District Officials on the East Indian Railway, and as anticipated a more extensive and vigorous strike is imminent from one end of the line to the other, the date given being the 23rd instant paralysing the Christmas traffic.

"The reasons assigned are harshness on the part of the officials, such as the stopping of Christmas leave, etc."

RAILWAY BUDMASHES.

Smart Capture.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Mr. Brown, Mining Engineer, a passenger by the Madras Calcutta Mail train. Early this morning near Balasore captured two Ooryas in his compartment rifling his belongings.

PROSECUTION FOR LOOTING SHOPS.

Student's Appeal,

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 13.

The Criminal Bench of the High Court here to-day issued a Rule upon the Chief Presidency Magistrate to show cause why the sentence of fourteen days' rigorous imprisonment passed upon Guanendranath Das Gupta, Student, for robbing a shop should not be reduced.

DR. RUTHERFORD M P. IN CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Dr. Rutherford M. P., went over there High Court here to-day and was conducted by Mr. K. N. Chowdhury.

WEEKLY PLAGUE MORTALITY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Plague returns for the week ending 14th instant, now published, show a total of 3,138 deaths in the whole of India, 1,401 being in the Bombay Presidency, 366 in the Punjab, 350 in the Mysore State, 334 in the United Provnices, 203 in Bengal 118 in the Central Provinces and Berar, 117 in the Madras Presidency, 95 in Hyderabad State, 61 in Burma, 42 in Rajputana, 26 in Central India, and 20 in the North West Frontier Province.

P. W. D. SERVICES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Major P. Ashworth R. E. Executive Engineer, is appointed Junior Government Inspector of Circle No. 5 (comprising the Bombay Baroda and Central India, Bhavnagar, Gonda, Junagad, Porbandar, and Jodhpur, Bikaner, Railway systems.

Mr. A. W. Smart, Deputy Examiner of Accounts, attached to the office of the Examiner of Accounts, Eastern Bengal State Railway, is granted combined leave for six months.

Mr. K. Venkatavama Ayyar, Deputy Examiner of Accounts, is transferred to the office of the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Bengal, Calcutta.

THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

Thanks to Burma Officials.

RETURN TO CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PROME, DECEMBER 19.

The Viceregal party reached here at 6 p.m. to-day. The arrival of their Excellencies at Prome practically marks the conclusion of their tour in Burma as they leave by train at 9 p.m. to-night and embark on the R. I. M. S. "Dufferin" at Rangoon early to-morrow morning for Calcutta.

The tour from beginning to end has been a most enjoyable one and an unqualified success affording their Excellencies opportunities of seeing types of men and scenery entirely new to them and consequently of the greatest interest. The efforts of the local authorities in all the places visited have been rewarded with the utmost success, no details having been left unconsidered to provide for the entertainment and comfort of the party. This is evinced by the fact that the health of their Excellencies and Staff has been excellent since the commencement of the tour, and taking into consideration that they have undergone the rather trying ordeal of having been more or less continuously on the move for six weeks it is evident that their immunity from any indisposition is to a gaeat extent due to the carefully thought out arrangements that were made for the reception and welfare of their Excellencies. His Excellency the Viceroy has specially benefited by the change of scene and surroundings afforded by his tour in Burma and he is now enjoying the best of health. Their Excellencies have repeatedly expressed their appreciation of the arrangements made by Mr. Huddeston, Agent, Burma Railways, and by Commander Hooper, Royal Indian Marine, to provide for their comfort on the rail and steamer journeys and to Mr. Law, D. I. G., Imperial Police, for the complete and satisfactory police arrangements and for the assistance he has given while accompanying them during their whole tour. Lastly special thanks are due to His Honour the Lieut. Governor, the officials of the Burma Government, Captain Hill, Private Secretary, and the members of the Lieutenant-Governor's Staff for the immense amount of trouble taken in Rangoon Mandalay and throughout the tour generally to make it the success that it undoubtedly has been,

FRONTIER TRIBAL TROUBLES.

Reinforcement of Outposts by the Amir.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 19.

The "Pioneer" says—"It has lately been reported that the Amir of Kabul has undertaken to reinforce his outposts in order to prevent outlaws from British Territory entering Afghanistan. This is satisfactory so far as it goes, but it would be more to the purpose if outlaws who have committed serious crimes, such as murder, were promptly seized and sentenced in Afghan Jails when they have actually made their way across the frontier. Action of this kind would have a most wholesome effect and outlaws would be forced to seek tribal territory where their enemies are probably as numerous as their friends.

"There is one section of the frontier where the Amir might really place a line of outposts so arranged that the passage between them would be most difficult. This is the country between the western end of the Khyber and the Safed Koh Range Passes leading from the Afridi Valleys into Afghanistan. They are few and lazily watched from the Afghan side and they are all in this section of the Durand line. At present they serve as bolt holes for the Zakka Khel and other malcontents who know that they can send away their families with their flocks and herds whenever danger threatens from the Indian side.

"If the Amir were to co-operate in earnest with the Government of India, the ever-recurring Zakka trouble would quickly be ended. This unruly section of the Afridis would be shut in within the Bazar Valley and their coercion would be simplified. As it is, they escape punishment altogether though matters have now come to such pass that action of some kind against them seems inevitable.

"We don't want to occupy Bazar Valley, if this can be avoided, for such a step might reopen the Tirah question once more. But it will be a reproach to Government if they continue to ignore the claims to protection of villages within British territory.

"Raid has fallowed raid in rapid succession. Posts have been attacked, sepoys killed and wounded and there is a growing sense of insecurity in the Peshawar and Kohat borderland.

"The policy of toleration would seem at last to have reached its limit."

CAPTURE OF ILLICIT TODDY.

Inspector Badly Mauled.

EIGHT OF THE ASSAILANTS ARRESTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SURAT, NANPURA, DECEMBER, 19.

A smart capture of two cases of importation of Toddy into British territory from the Gaekwari village of Dhanari was made on the night of the 13th at a place called Pipaldhara in Chikly taluka seventeen miles from Billimora Station by Mr. Nariman, Chief Inspector of Excise in the Bulsar Division, when a serious affray occurred between the Chief Inspector and a troop of Bhils who attacked him causing grave injuries.

It was while Mr. Nariman was engaged in completing his enquries after capturing the two cases, when the Bhils, numbering about 25 to 30 people, fell upon the Inspector and mercilessly assaulted him with sticks and "lathies." The Inspector, who was accompanied by the Inspector of the Country Liquor Farm and a posse of 8 to 10 policemen, made a heroic struggle to defend his men and in doing so exposed himself singly to the attack of his assailants. Seeing such a large crowd and its threatening attitude, Mr. Nariman's men all fled for dear life, he alone facing the situation. The Inspector fought singly with nothing but a stick which he wrenched off from his assailants, till at last he fell unconscious and lay bleeding from his wounds. The Bhils then left.

Mr. Nariman's men came searching for him after the lapse of nearly three hours and removed him in a country trap.

The Inspector's condition gave cause for anxiety. Major Bennet in consultation with Dr. Dadachanji, Dr. Popatlal and the Senior Hospital Assistant. attended upon Nariman, Major Bennett took note of the injuries caused to the Inspector which included a scalp wound, a very nasty cut on a finger, right arm broken, and a contused rib, the wounds aggregating 21, more or less of a grave nature.

The local police attended the examination of the patient. Nariman's condition, which at one time gave cause for much anxiety, is slowly improving and he is making progress under Major Bennett's watchful treatment.

The police, who have been tooking out for the assailants, have succeeded in capturing eight men. The others are still at large making the nearest Gaickwari territory their temporary refuge.

The case has excited considerable interest in the district.

THE vacuum brake cylinder which the Home Mail train from Bombay to Calcutta ran over near Moghul Serai is believed to have been dropped from a goods truck. It appears that a good many goods trucks on the East Indian Railway are now provided with vacuum brakes including cylinders, but only a portion of them make use of the apparatus. The cylinder can be detached without much difficulty and would not necessarily have been missed. It is only in the case of trains on which the vacuum brake is in actual use that the detachment of a cylinder would have effected a halt, the Permanent Way shows no signs of the cylinder having been placed upon it deliberately.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF SUIT.

Allegation against Joint Magistrate.

HIGH COURT ORDER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 19.

In the Allahabad High Court Sir George Knox had before him two applications for transfer of two cross cases now pending before the Joint Magistrate of Cawnpore. The applications were supported by affidavits which made allegations impeaching the Magistrate's action in the case.

It was alleged that the Magistrate had threatened the complainants in one case, who were the accused in the other, to induce them to compromise the cases telling them that it would not be good for them if they did not do so.

It was farther alleged that Mr. J. Robinson, the other party to these cases, was with the Magistrate and that the deponent of the affidavit had not met Robinson close to the Magistrate's bungalow and Robinson had told him that he would get the case against him dismissed and the complainant and his witnesses sent to jail.

On application being presented to the High Court copies of the application and affidavit were sent down to the Magistrate concerned who submitted an explanation denying the allegations made against him and stated that he saw Robinson for the first time in Court in connection with these cases.

Mr. Dillon who appeared for Robinson stated to the Court that his client denied the allegations made against him and was prepared to file an affidavit if necessary.

Sir George Knox issued notice to the deponent Jagannath to appear before the High Court and show cause why action should not be taken against him under Section 476 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Jagannath being examined by the Court adhered to the allegations made in his affidavit, and His Lordship being of opinion that the matter should be enquired into, directed that action should be taken against Jagannath under Section 476 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The case was sent up to the District Magistrate of Cawnpore for trial.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY BRIGADE ORDERS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Duties for the ensuing week.—Fort Field Officer, Lieutenant A. P. Harrison, 116th Mahrattas: Next for duty, Lieutenant W. L. Wayman, 116th Mahrattas. Colaba Field Officer, Major A. C. Pitman, R.G.A.: Next for duty, Major G. F. H. Wingate, 2nd Royal Scots.

Brigadier-General R. M. Greenfield, C. B., Commanding Bombay Brigade, accompanied by one Staff Officer, proceeded to Khandalla, on the 18th instant, on inspection duty and will return to Bombay on completion of duty.

BOMBAY—ARRIVALS, DECEMBER 19.—Col. Good, Army Remount, from Australia.
Capt. Taylor, I.M.S., from England.
Lieut. Knight, 13th Hussars, from Secunderabad.
Lieut. Abbott, R.G.A., from Malta.
Capt. Jones, I.M.S,, from Poona.
Liet. Hagger, 126th Inft, from Quetta.
Capt. Swettenham, R.G.A., from Jhansi.

DEPARTURES, DECEMBER 19.—Major Caldecott, 4th Cavalry, to England.
Capt. Taylor, I.M.S., to Dera I. Khan.
Lieut. Knight, 13th Hussars, to England.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 18.

The Bareilly Infantry Brigade training will take place from the 19th to the 25th January 1908.

That of the Meerut Infantry Brigade at Meerut from the 22nd January to the 29th February 1908.

The training of the Garhwal Infantry Brigade at Jawalapur (Hardwar) will be fixed later.

The training of the Meerut Cavalry Brigade will be held at Meerut, from the 20th to 30th January 1908.

A Divisional Staff Ride will take place at Muzaffarnagar from the 11th to 15th February 1908.

Staff Rides will be held as follows:—

Garhwal Brigade at Jawalapur (Hardwar) from 10th to 15th January.

Bareilly Brigade at Bareilly, from 1st to 7th March 1908.

Meerut Cavalry Brigade at Meerut in January and February.

Several short Staff Rides will be held lasting for one day each.

A Practice Camp for the 57th Battery Royal Field Artillery will be held near Bareilly, the date for which has not yet been fixed.

Field Firing takes place at Bakloh from the 4th to 10th January.

The 52nd Battery Royal Field Artillery and 72nd Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, will practise at Muzaffargarh instead of at Sakhi Saiwar.

The Burma Infantry Brigade training will terminate on the 16th February.

Rangoon Port Defence Rehearsal takes place between the 27th and 29th January, the training will be in the neighbourhood of Shwebolaigang.

The Aden Infantry Brigade training will be from 3rd to 8th February.

There will be a Staff Tour from 13th to 29th January.

It has been decided to extend to British troops serving in India the privilege, enjoyed elsewhere out of the United Kingdom, of remitting money through the public accounts for deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank in England.

Major Hardley Howard, Cantonment Magistrate, Lahore Cantonment, has been granted leave on urgent private affairs for one year, with effect from 1st January, 1908.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Colonel C. M. L. Marriott, General List, Infantry, Bengal, is admitted to Colonel's allowances vice Colonel A. Fitzgerald deceased.

The four Native Officers to go Home next year as Orderly Officers to the King will be Pathans including Baluchistan Brahuis and Hazaras.

Major Clark and Captain Miles, Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery, are ordered home and will be relieved by Captain Paul and Lieutenant Andrews of the Army Ordnance Corps.

Lieutenant R. W. C. Blair, Indian Army, has been permitted to return to duty in India on transfer from the temporary Half Pay List.

Lieutenant Bate, 80th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, is appointed to the Royal Horse Artillery and posted to "V" Battery at Rawalpindi.

Captain Orr, Army Remount Department, will rejoin the the 29th Lancers on the 1st of April next.

Captain Dudgeon, 125th Rifles, is confirmed in his appointment in the Military Accounts Department.

Major Grace, 105th Infantry, is appointed Recruiting Staff Officer at Agra from 7th of the December 1607.

GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL.

Trial of Lieut. G. R. S. Cookson at Trimulgherry.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, DECEMBER 19.

Major-General Sir James Wolfe-Murray, K. C. B. Commanding the Secunderabad Division, has issued a Divisional Order, in advance, for the trial of Lieutenant G. R. Sawrey Cookson, of the 13th Hussars, by a General Court-Martial, on Saturday, at Trimulgherry.

The Commander of the 2nd Infantry, Secunderabad Brigade, Brigadier-General E. C. Mackenzie-Kennedy, has been appointed President, with Colonel Cookson, of the 29th Lancers; Majors C. H. D. Lyon and Campbell, of the Royal Fusiliers; Major A. H. Hussey, of the Royal Horse Artillery; Major R. L. McClintock, District Staff Officer, of the Royal Engineers; Major A. L. Alexander, of the 33rd Light Cavalry; and a Captain and two Subalterns from the 1st Infantry Brigade, as Members.

Colonel H. L. B. Acton, Assistant Judge Advocate-General, has been appointed Judge Advocate and Major Welman, of the 1st Manchester Regiment, Prosecutor.

GOVERNMENT FAMINE POLICY.

Cattle Saving Precautions.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 16.

The Government of India have recently had under their consideration the best means of preventing serious mortality amongst cattle in the tracts affected by the present drought. In October last the Railway Board invited the attention of the Agents and Managers of all Railways to the grave prospects of a serious fodder famine in the United Provinces, the Punjab, the North West Frontier Province, Rajputana, and Central India due to the failure of the monsoon, and asked their co-operation in the measures being adopted by Government for the protection of cattle by reducing the rates for the carriage of fodder between stations within the areas mentioned and from stations outside those areas to stations within them. All the Railway Administrations agreed to make concessions in respect of this traffic, and the rates fixed with a few exceptions were on standard-gauge railways, two annas per ordinay waggon and four annas per boggie waggon per mile, and on metre-gauge railways for ordinary waggon 2 annas per mile for the first 50 miles, 1½ annas per mile for the next 100 miles, and one anna per mile for any additional distance, the rates being doubled for boggie waggons.

It is a source of much satisfaction to the Government of India that the Railway Administration should have made these substantial reductions, but they consider that even greater assistance than that which is secured by the reduced rates is desirable in order to facilitate the movement of fodder in quantities sufficiently large to provide for the preservation of the cattle within the affected areas, They have therefore, with the sanction of the Secretary of State, decided that freight on consignments of fodder booked to stations in the areas mentioned above shall, for the present, be recovered from the consignor or consignee at the nominal rate of half an anna per permits to four-wheeled waggon and one anna per baggie waggon per mile, the difference between this rate and the reduced rates agreed to by the Railway Administrations being paid to the Railway Companies by Government and debited to the head "Famine Relief" in the accounts.

These arrangements will come into force immediately. It is hoped that this development of Famine Policy, which is the outcome of Governments desire to take all practicable measures for the preservation of the agricultural stock of the country, will stimulate private trade in fodder, so that all available supplies may be utilised to the fullest extent and that a considerable svaing in cattle life may thereby be affected.

COTTON AND RICE REPORT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Returns summarising Indian cotton crop reports up to 30th ultimo, and rice crop returns, for the current season by the Commercial Intelligence Department, are to-day published.

They show that as regards cotton the season generally has been very unfavourble, the net outturn in Balau for the whole of India being estimated at twenty-nine lakhs of bales against forty-eight lakhs last year and thirty-three lakhs in 1905-06.

As regards rice the total acreage is only one per cent. smaller than last year, but Memorandum states that Burma alone reports a favourable season the surplus available for export from that province being estimated at twenty-five lakhs of tons of cargo of rice equivalent to forty-two millian cwts of cleaned rice.

U. P. FAMINE RELIEF PROGRAMME.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 19.

The Government of India has sanctioned the inclusion of Phaphaman, Unao, Rae Bereli, Balaman, Sitapur and Rosa Sitapur lines of railway in the Famine Relief programme for the United Provinces.

THE SURAT CONGRESS.

Moderates vs. Extremists.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Mr. Surendranath Banerjee has called a mass meeting of the Moderates for to-morrow afternoon in one of the non-prohibited Calcutta Squares when Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Nevison are to attend and other Europeans are invited. Baboo Panchkori Banerji being deputed to see that they are not molested. A number of speeches on the Moderates' position have been arranged for and interruptions from the Extremists are expected.

It is understood that Lala Rajput Rai is to move the resolution at the Surat Congress appointing Dr. Rash Behari Ghose as President.

The first batch of Moderates leaves this on 22nd for Surat picking up Dr. Rash Behari Ghosh at Gaya. A contingent of Bengal Extremists starts on 23rd. The subscriptions collected at the recent Extremist meeting here are now alleged to amount to only thirty-seven rupees.

THE SITARAMPUR MURDER CASE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

The Sitarampur murder case is being heard at Asansol to-day.

NASIK NOTES.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

THIS delightful station, so far as climate and surroundings are concerned, seems to be quite deserted in these days. All the Government officers are in Camp and so the Club just now sees but few of its members and as for the glorious golf-links one only occasionally sees a player or two. Some months ago the Collector went away to the homeland and we just extended a welcome a few days ago to his successor, Mr. Jackson, from Bombay.

Two well-known Nasik residents, who had a large circle of friends, both here and in Bombay, have left us. The genial Padre, Mr. Manwering, and his wife were renowned for their hospitality to the many who had their acquaintance. Nasik will miss them for many a long day. For many years Mr. Manwering acted as Hon. Chaplain for Nasik. His absence is all the more regrettable as it is due to ill-health. Things are very quiet in the native city. There has been a slight outbreak of plague and a few folks have evacuated their dwellings and here and there huts and tents may be seen on the open spaces. Inoculation has, I hear, been also well resorted to. One wonders when Nasik will get its long talked of water supply. It would be a great boon to all concerned. We are still watching the building of the new Police School which now resembles a small town. Next year, we are told, is to see this place occupied. Here and there new bungalows are rising up and during the last three years a fair number of new houses have sprung up, but still there is a demand for more accommodation. One can hardly wonder at this for the cimate is splendid, especially so during this present cold weather season. It is rather strange that no school or public works of any kind have been promoted here. Next year this place is to be the scene of a great pilgrimage the "Simhast." It is a festival which takes place once in twelve years. The virtues of all the sacred rivers of India are present in the Godavery and the devout Hindoos visit the source of this river which is at a place called Trimbak about 18 miles from Nasik. The influx of pilgrims means a flowing in of money to the Brahmans. May there be no influx of epidemics, will be the hope of all Nasik residents.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

EXPANSION OF GERMAN NAVY AT ANY COST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, DECEMBER 19.

London, December 7.—The "Times" correspondent in Berlin states that the Bloc political group in the Reichstag consisting of Conservatives, National Liberals, Anti-Semites and Radicals is united to secure a strong Navy with or without sound finances or fresh taxation.

The Radicals now demand an expansion until the Navy becomes an instrument of potential pressure upon the British Imperial and Foreign Policy.

Insurrection in Brazil.

BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

The "Daily Mail's" correspondent at Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brazil, reports an attempt recently made to overthrow the Government by insurgents under the leadership of a Magali Native of Rio Grande who was aided by British, Canadian and American filibusters, but their movement failed after a premature skirmish.

In the Bahia State, in a fight, Philip Davies a retired British Major was killed and Lieutenant George Gordon wounded.

All the insurgents and filibusters were captured.

For the expedition £100,000 were raised in London and New York by the filibusters who landed separately in Brazil as traders.

"Star" Libel Suit.

During the recent Municipal elections the "Star" accused J. Hunt the Town Clerk of Westminster of having obstructed the Progressive party's Agents. Hunt thereupon sued the proprietors of the "Star" for libel and obtained a verdict of £800 damages.

Practice Firing at "Hero"

Although the battleships participating in practice firing at the old warship "Hero" displayed excellent gunnery over a range of 7 1/2 miles and the shots were terribly destructive, the armour of the target vessel was unpierced.

Large Naval Base at Rosyth.

ACCOMMODATION FOR 112 WARSHIPS.

Speaking at Duns near Edinburgh Lord Tweedmouth, First lord of the Admiralty, stated that contracts were being taken for the establishment of a Naval base at Rosyth in the Firth of Forth to accommodate 112 warships and that the work would be completed in ten years.

The Admiralty has decided to proceed forthwith with the above scheme. The Naval basin will have an area of fifty-six acres and a depth of thirty-six feet in all states of the tide; will have a quay space for 22 warships or forty-four vessels banked two deep.

There will be a lock always accessible to the largest warships having access to the basin.

A graving dock will also be constructed in connection with the scheme.

The Czar on the Duma Address.

The Czar has annotated an Address presented him by the Duma in reply to a speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament.

The Emperor's annotations set out that he is willing to believe the sentiments expressed by the Duma in the Address and will await its productive work.

Reason for Zululand Expedition.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that the reason for mobilization of troops and the sending of a Military expedition to Zululand was due to Dinizulu having re used to assist the police to find the rebels who were concealed in his teritory.

Manchester Boxing Club Collapse.

The floor of the Manchester Boxing Club collapsed and precipitated 200 persons into the warehouse below.

Twenty were injured.

Natal and the Imperial Government.

The "Daily News" stated that Lord Elgin offered assistance to Natal in her operations in Zululand if the Imperial Government were allowed a voice in controlling the situation.

Natal preferred to appeal to the Transvaal and the Cape who were willing to assist her.

Zanzibar Mutiny and Germany.

The "Standard's" correspondent at Berlin states that on the occasion of the mutiny the Sultan of Zanzibar asked British aid. The British Vice-Consul, in the absence of the Consul-General, was obliged, as the British fleet was hundreds of miles off, to seek German assistance. The appearance of German warships, helped to overawe the mutineers, facilitating the task of Zanzibar officers in restoring order.

Algerian Arabs for French Army.

General Picquart, French War Minister, is considering the question of including the Arabs in Algeria in the French conscription with a view to ading 100,000 men to the army in war time.

Right of Private Revenge in America.

At Washington Mrs. Bradley who was charged with the murder of Senator Arthur Brown pleaded indefence the unwritten law of private revenge. Evidence shewed that Brown after seducing the woman refused to marry her. In consequence of this she killed him. The verdict was not guilty.

Suffragettes and Boys and Rats.

A number of students broke up the meeting at which Miss Pankhurst was addressing at Nottingham in connection with women's suffrage movement. They liberated several tame mice on the platform which Miss Pankhurst instead of becoming alarmed cought and fondled.

CASE OF ASPHYXIATION.

Enquiry Into Chief Officer Kenny's Death.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DECEMBER 19.

The District Magistrate of Rangoon has held an investigation into the circumstances which led up to the death by asphyxiation of J. H. Kenny, R. N. R.. late Chief Officer of the S. S. "Lindola" and of a coolie which occurrences happened on the 12th ultimo.

The evidence showed that the smell from decaying onions in the vessel's holds caused the deceased to lose consciousness and to die from abnoxious gases they created.

Mr. Edward Boyce, Supervisor, Boating Department, B. I. S. N. Co., was complimented by the Court for his pluky conduct which was placed on record.

The District Magistrate sent up the papers in the case to the Local Government for order.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

ROYAL SHOPPERS.

The New Walk.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, NOVEMBER 29.

The Christmas shopping campaign began this week with the opening of the Christmas Bazaars which for the last few years have added a new joy to childhood. Almost every great emporium has its Christmas bazaar with a very large corner in it for juvenile visitors, and no expense is spared in making the surroundings as attractive as the art of the scenic painter and automatic mechanism can make them. One of the most popular of Christmas bazaars with the younger generation of shoppers is the "Alice in Wonderland" Bazaar in Oxford-street.

Not all the fog and rain and wind of this last week of November could keep away the Christmas crowds from the shops and bazaars, and if the numbers around the shop windows were less than usual the interiors were thronged with shoppers who had sought refuge from the unpleasant climatic conditions. Never has the Christmas shopping been done under pleasanter conditions. The new tubes which have been opened since last Christmas bring people from the North and South and the West with the greatest ease to West End stations, and then another invention which is daily becoming more and more a boom and a blessing to us all is the taxicab which whisks the shoppers laden with small parcels home. From the first it was recognised that the taxicab would become extraordinarily popular with women on the score of economy. It is true that the horse hansom is considerably cheaper when distance is in question, for the charge for a two-mile journey is only a shilling, whereas the taxicab is at the rate of eight pence a mile. But where the new mode of conveyance is so popular is for the distance of a mile or less. A woman shopping in Bond-street can be taken to Sloane-square for eight pence or from Regent-street to the Marble Arch for the same price. As might be expected the favourite toy of the season is a miniature taxicab, with a taximetre to register the farces. Models of the unfortunate "nulli Secundus" run it a close second.

ROYAL SHOPPERS.

The King and Queen did their Christmas shopping before leaving Town for Sandringham and Windsor. This year Her Majesty had the help of her daughter Queen Maud of Norway in choosing all the pretty things that are to give pleasure to her grandchildren and friends. The King and Queen like the late Queen Victoria do not do their shopping in person but the firms holding the Royal Warrant are all summoned to Buckingham Palace with their choicest novelties. These are set out in the room on the first floor and the King and Queen make a careful choice. This year they both bought a quantity of toys. The King chose various sets of waistcoat buttons, match boxes, cigar holders and cigar and cigarette cases. Any quaint piece of mechanism or new invention is sure to win the King's interest. The Queen's presents this year take the form of lace, particularly Irish laces in which she takes so warm an interest, lengths of poplin, China, and trinkets set with amethysts, the stone she has so popularised.

The Queen of Spain too has been busy in the shops. Like King Alfonso she likes to do her shopping in person and she has paid sundry surprise visits to Bond-street.

OUR SPANISH VISITORS.

Our Spanish visitors are to leave us early next week. While the King has been visiting the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, the Queen has been spending the last few days of her English holiday at Kensington Palace with her mother Princess Henry of Battenburg. The two ladies have been seen walking together in Kensington Gardens frequently and they have also been inveterate theatre-goers. One cannot but be struck by the immense change in the appearance of the young Queen. As Princess Ena, except for a certain freshness of colouring, she had little real claim to good looks, and the simple muslin dresses which she then wore were in anything but keeping with her somewhat full charms. Although she is only twenty handsome clothes are in keeping with her position as Queen of Spain and clad in rich velvet and costly ermine, wearing even in the day time a quantity of diamonds, the Queen undoubtedly looks a very good looking woman. She looks far older than her years, however, and has an appearance of maturity lacking in a good many women who are ten years older than she is.

"THE NEW WALK."

Every season sees its own particular walk in these go-a-head times. Just a little while ago fashionable women were practising the "Kangaroo" with more or less success, and no sooner had they attained something like proficiency than the "Gibson" walk was declared to be the correct thing in walks. And now the Gibson walk, our future Peeress Miss Camille Clifford notwithstanding, is to go the way of dead-and-gone walks and the "hen walk" takes its place. The new straight figure has necessitated the change. The long straight gown destitute of fulness renders walking in the ordinary way difficult. The new style must be practised in the seclusion of the boudoir. The legs must be raised from the knee and then pointed downwards, so very much in the way hens walk—this is doubtless the origin of the name. The professors of physical exercise do not view the new walk kindly. "No—I am not teaching it," said one instructor with a fashionable clientele to me. "It is not necessary. The quickest way to learn is to visit the poultry yard!"

THE DRUCE MYSTERY.

The amazing Druce case continues to absorb attention. On the occasion of each hearing Mr. Plowden's Court is crowded with Society notabilities, many of whom are intimately interested in the case, and in spite of all the evidence to the contrary there are many prominent people who firmly believe that the eccentric Duke of Portland and Mr. T. C. Druce of the Baker-street Bazaar are one and the same person. A curious story is going the round of the Clubs just now to the effect that Queen Victoria knew the secret of the Druce mystery. The present Duke of Portland, so it is said, was a suitor for the hand of Princess Louise, now Duchess of Fife, and though he was a great favourite with the Princess, the heir to many millions and much liked by Queen Victoria herself, the story goes that his suit was refused at the bidding of the late Queen, who gave her consent to her daughter marrying the Duke of Fife who was in many respects less eligible.

WHITE FURS.

The Queen of Spain is held responsible for the present vogue of white furs. She herself always wears ermine or white fox, and this season all white furs are in tremendous demand. White fox is being made up into all kinds of fascinating garments including the kimono coat. For motoring white pelts have won the day. A new notion is the white rabbit skin coat. More expensive as well as more effective is the coat of white caracul or Persian lamb. White fur for cold weather motoring certainly does look very picturesque. Ermine, always a favourite fur, is being trimmed with rich embroidery in Persian colourings this season and the effect is very good indeed. The white fur toque—fur toques are enormous this year—is a delightfully becoming piece of headgear on the right person, a brilliant brunette with a good complexion.

THE FRILLERIES.

The forthcoming "London and Paris Dress Exhibition," which is to be held at Earl's Court in the new year, will give us a series of magnificent modern pageants. While the many historic pageants to which we have been treated this year have given us a tolerably clear notion of a Court—say of one of the Plantagenet Kings,—it is only a comparatively small circle of Society people who have any idea of what our own Court is like. There will be a full Court scene at "The Frilleries" as the Exhibition is popularly called. The scene will show presentations being made to the Sovereign and of course the Court gowns will be superb. Then there will be hunting scenes showing the latest riding habits, a river scene showing dainty punting costumes, an Ascot lawn spectacle, which will be very, very smart, and other typical scenes from the social life of to-day.

IN DOLL-LAND.

Dolls of all kinds, shapes, conditions, sizes have been much in evidence this week. What is becoming known as the annual "At Home" of the world of dolls was held on Wednesday at Bath House, the magnificent Piccadilly residence of Lady Wernher. The Bath House Doll Show of the Children's Happy Evening's Society is an event which the children of

Society look forward to as one of the chief social engagements of the season. Each year they are taken by their mothers to admire the hosts of dolls which have been dressed by fashionable ladies to give pleasure to the children of the East End. This year there was indeed a marvellous collection of dolls. The Princess of Wales sent an imposing collection of dainty ladies and the pet of the afternoon, a baby dolly in long clothes; there was a most bewitching belle of early Victorian days in flowered silk and poke bonnet; there were character dolls representing nearly all the heroes and heroines of nursery rhyme and musical comedy and of course the inevitable "Diabolo"; but the doll of dolls, the lion of the afternoon, was a chubby flaxen-haired boy doll, of a height of three feet, dressed in a white reefer coat and cocked hat to represent Prince Olaf. The ladies who had sent most dolls were Lady Wernher and Lady Jersey, who were represented by two hundred and one hundred dolls.

Again, yesterday, Society was asked to pay its respects to doll-land, this time at Lady Llangattock's house, Rutland-gate. A unique collection of dolls in national costume has been presented by the German Empress, the Queen of Spain, the Queen of Norway, the Duchess of Scania, Princess Patricia of Connaught, Princess Alexander and Princess Maud (daughters of the Princess Royal) to the Novelists' Bazaar which is to be opened at Queen's Hall on December 5th. The belle of the Royal dolls, in the opinion of the little court of admirers, was that of Queen Maud of Norway, a very tall dolly indeed and gorgeously dressed as a Norwegian bride. Her dress was of black and green velvet, trimmed with bead work and silk embroidery, and she wore a quantity of Norwegian jewellery, including a magnificent crown of bead work.

The promoters of the Novelists' Bazaar, by the way, seem to have struck something quite new in the way of bazaars. Each stall is to represent a favourite book by a famous novelist and lady attendants will represent his best known heroines. Fielding is to supply a picturesque group of bye-gone English beauties among the helpers at the Vanity Fair stall and of course the Dickens stall will boast of a Dora and a little Nell.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR RAILWAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Of late Decentralisation or Centralisation has been, and is still largely occupying public attention in India. Only recently a contemporary drew the attention of the Government of India to the proposal of the present Director General of Ordnance in India to do away with certain important Ordnance centres, and to have a central one to answer for the whole of India. Against this policy of carrying all the eggs in one basket a vigorous protest has already been raised, as in the event of a disastrous fire all the stores stacked in one place must disappear with a swoop. Now the Railway Board has stepped in for a similar move for power and is about to wipe out the familiar post of Consulting Engineers for Railways, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, from the 1st January 1908, such officers to be in future styled as Government Inspectors of Railways, the establishments being, as far as possible, absorbed in other Government Offices. The Consulting Engineer's Department has been in existence for over half a century forming a friendly and expeditious link between the Government and the Railway Companies for lessening the work. The change will doubtless secure for both the G. I. P. and B.B. & C.I. Railway Companies more liberty of action to manage their own affairs, especially now that they should be quite capable after their ripe experience to do it without submitting frequently every subject first to Government for orders or sanction. For Bombay the Office has a special interest, for it dates from the time of Colonel J. H. G. Crawford, to whom it is believed Bombay owes a deep debt of gratitude for our Vehar water supply, and who in carrying out this tremendous task, in those early days, sacrificed his life. He finds a last resting place in the old Sonapur Cemetery which is now known as Queen's Road Cemetery, just an ordinary slab marking the spot. Colonel Harry Rivers was the next Consulting Engineer who did a great deal of work for the Railways as well as for the Elphinstone Land and Reclamation Company of which Messrs. W. Nicol & Co. were the Agents. Colonel Alfred DeLisle was the next officer and he was succeeded by Colonels Joseph Bonus, John Salisbury Trevor, Henry E. Hancock, G. Wingate Oldham and other Royal Engineer Officers who followed them up to the present Consulting Engineer for Railways, Mr. J. S. Brown. Two of the names have been preserved in the City with DeLisle Road and Hancock Bridge, while the others have been allowed to be dropped out altogether. Cannot the names of these officers and others, whether European or Indian, who have done so much in building up this Beautiful City of Bombay in the past, be preserved either by the Port Trust, the Municipality or even by the Improvement Trust. Others who came after them have had their names preserved by a grateful city.—Yours, etc.

OBSERVER.

TREATMENT OF PLAGUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The subject of plague has such intense human interest for all of us that it is not necessary to apologise for going to a lay journal to draw attention to an important omission which has crept in your able article on the treatment of plague by Yersin-Roux Serum in a recent issue of the "Bombay Gazette." The article in question conveys the impression that Dr. Choksy's statistics were based on results obtained by the employment of serum alone in the treatment of plague, but I notice that in the article which Dr. Choksy contributed to the "Indian Medical Gazette" of February 1907 he makes the important statement that the "ideal treatment of plague consists in the simultaneous use of the Yersin-Roux Serum and Adrenalin," and this opinion is endorsed by the experience of a large number of medical practitioners who have had plague cases under their treatment. As is well known deaths in plague occur by cardio-vascular paresis which sets in very early in the course of illness, steadily progresses onward and ultimately carries off the patient. When it is remembered that Adrenalin is the most powerful cardiac stimulant ever discovered, and when it is not claimed for Serum that its action goes beyond combating plague germs and counteracting their toxins, it is at least premature to assert that in the reduction of case mortality to 60·3 per cent. achieved by the combined use of Adrenalin and Yersin-Roux Serum, the serum had more to do with the reduction than Adrenalin, especially when Dr. Choksy's statistics prove that when Adrenalin alone was employed in the treatment of plague it was responsible for reducing the case mortality from the appalling 89 to 66·8 per cent. It is an interesting speculation whether the future treatment of plague will be in the direction of serum therapeutics or in attempts to discover a preparation which will sustain the action of the heart till the plague germs have been vanquished in the system, and though it looked extremely likely that the specific will be forthcoming from the former source, one must not, in view of what Adrenalin has already achieved, forget to bear in mind the latter possibility. Perhaps it will interest your lay readers to know that Adrenalin is the active principle of supra-renal gland and was first isolated by the eminent Japanese Chemist Takamine in 1900. Dr. K. C. Bose, C.I.E., of Calcutta, a careful clinician and an investigator of almost international reputation, has given Adrenalin an extensive trial and says that "in many cases it has saved the lives of plague patients under conditions in which death appeared inevitable."—Yours, etc.,

K. D. COOPER.

Apollo Bunder, 17th December.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills. Diseases of the Skin. No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scurvy and eruptions, which had resisted all other modes of treatment and gradually become worse, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself, and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.

A CRITIC IN A HURRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—*Non tali auxilio nec defensoribus istis tempus eget.* These famous words of Virgil involuntarily rush to one's lips as he reads the letter called "Dr. Welldon and the Higher Criticism" which a correspondent has thought fit to address to you. Certain persons are fond of rushing where angels fear to tread, and this correspondent has rushed with a vengeance headlong into the fray, blindfolded as it were, and hits hard—in the air! He makes the damaging confession that "he has not read the Bishop's powerful articles," which alone would put him out of court at once. If he is amenable to reason I would advise him to read, mark and digest if he can, when his blood is cool again, the two rather lengthy articles—which in spite of his sneers I persist in calling powerful—of the learned Bishop, and then read again his present letter which he very likely thinks is a refutation of the arguments contained therein. If he does this he will find, what most people have found already, that his letter is entirely irrelevant to the Bishop's main point, and that it contains mere angry vituperation and needlessly harsh language which only recoil on the writer and expose his weakness. The case for Higher Criticism is not quite so weak and hopeless as the readers of this very injudicious letter would be surely led to suppose. But in the classic words I have quoted at the beginning it needs not such aid nor such defenders. They only do harm to its course. There are many who think conscientiously that even its leaders like Professor Cheyne and others have not been able to meet the attacks made on Higher Criticism from various quarters. Their difficulties are great and increasing. At such a time it certainly does not behove the tail of the party who have only learnt *jurare in verba magistri* to embarrass the leaders further by injudicious and abusive language. "No Bishop can be expected to handle a controversy of this kind philosophically, without a strong bias, even with intellectual honesty. He is certain to defend it the more dogmatically, sophistically and truculently, the less good reason and argument he can find." This is only a sample of your correspondent's language and logic. No Bishop, in his opinion, can be trusted to argue on such a question because he must have bias, and he more than suggests that he cannot have intellectual honesty. This sweeping assertion carries its own condemnation. Because the correspondent wants to discredit Bishop Welldon, he throws aspersion on the whole class of Bishops! What profounder scholars has an age produced than Bishops Lightfoot and Westcott, to name only two? And if one cannot trust such men, can we trust their anonymous attackers and revilers to handle such delicate questions dispassionately? If Bishops have a strong bias one way, have not some of the Higher Critics an equally strong, if not stronger, bias the other way, *teste* your correspondent himself? Bishop Welldon considers in his articles only the question of evidence of authenticity of both secular and sacred writings as literature. He does not touch on the subject of inspiration at all. His main object is to show that, for instance, the arguments urged against the authenticity of the *Annales* of Taritus and shown to have failed are yet of the same nature and even stronger than the arguments of the Higher Criticism against the authenticity of the Fourth Gospel. Why, he asks, should the same arguments be held to have succeeded in one case and to yet have failed in a precisely similar case? What is sauce for the gander must be sauce for the goose also. The question about the inspiration of the author of the Fourth Gospel, which our correspondent has irrelevantly imported in the present issue, serves only to confuse it. The question of inspiration is not amenable to such a test of evidence as the question of authorship and authenticity. If "inspiration" is to be treated, Bishop Welldon well knows how to do it. But that is foreign to his subject of enquiry at present. I can only repeat the advice to your correspondent about carefully studying Dr. Welldon's articles when his present mood has subsided, and then, and then alone, should he take it upon himself to be the champion of the cause he professes to hold not wisely but too well. He will then find it not so easy a task as he seems to think to meet the Bishop. *Non s in e nos ... ffert Hector*, to end with the words of Virgil with which I began.—Yours, etc.

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OUR MOSLEM SISTERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—May I venture to take up a short space in your paper and make a few remarks concerning the interesting letter written by Munshi Mahmad Khan on the subject of "Our Moslem Sisters."

I should like to draw your correspondent's notice to the fact that the founder of Christianity never belittled women or called them the 'devil's gateway' as did some of the ascetics and fanatics who followed Him—rather He called women his sisters. However, in spite of the way the early Christians may have regarded and spoken of women, the community at large honoured and elevated them more and more as the centuries succeed each other. Now, women of the Christian communities hold a unique and glorious place in the history of the world. Mohamed may, and in fact did, speak beautiful things concerning women, but his followers far from adhering to his advice, have degraded and debased the beautiful helpmeets the good God has given them, and at the same time they have degraded and debased the whole community. May men advance while their women are in a cage, however gilded the cage! Have the followers of Moslem advanced? Do they hold a first place in India or in any other country where they are found? No, they do not. Now is the time for Indian Moslems to change their ways. Now the tide is at the flood waiting to take them on to victory. Let them look at the Parsee community. Fifty years ago their women also were in purdah. Is not the splendid advance of the Parsees due in a great part because they liberated and educated their women? No religious tenets will be broken if Moslems were to educate their women and bring them from their seclusion. Let Mohamedans begin at once to take their rightful place as the leading community of India. Let them allow their beautiful and gracious ladies to come forth and shine in the social firmament, and so adorn, improve and glorify every community with whom they come in contact. Were the wise Prophet to visit our Earth to-day, surely this would be his first command.—Yours, &c.

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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Very plausible and elaborate circulars have been issued stimulated by the very welcome solicitude of our present beloved Governor, Sir George Clarke, inviting the opinions of various institutions as to the best means of housing the poor of Bombay, and extending the scheme so as to minimise congestion by over-crowding now in full swing. All this looks very good indeed superficially. But has the present executive body been properly posted up in past histories, and are they aware of the retrograde measure adopted by the Government of Lord Northcote in discouraging, nay, almost prohibiting, the building of residential quarters on the outskirts of Bombay? Does the present Government know of the once exorbitant levy of land tax at Rs. 5,000 per acre which repeated howls of the people got reduced to Rs 3,000? Does the present Government know of the stampede in the Council Hall, through disgust, of Sir P. M. Mehta, Sir Bhalchandra, the Honourable Mr. Parekh and others in 1896, when the latest Land Revenue Bill was being discussed, and passed, in their absence, to levy a tax of four and a half per cent per annum on the valuation of agricultural land utilised for building purposes, and after ten years, when fully convinced of the consequences of the hasty step, a Resolution was issued cutting down the fine to two and a half per cent per annum on land used for building sites? The English dailies as well as the Native press ventilated the subject and demonstrated the unwisdom of the suicidal policy of the new measure, and very bitterly complained that landowning interests were very inadequately represented in our Legislative Council. Cannot some honourable member get from Government a clear pronouncement of their future policy and the unwisdom of obstinately persisting in a course so unprofitable to Government, so disastrous to the people, and so opposed to the spirit of their new circular? The problem of City extension must continue to be of great difficulty so long as Government themselves handicap building operations in the suburbs of Bombay: in other words, this action defeats the very purposes which Government had in view when they appointed the City Extension Committee a few years since. This circular reminds me of the characteristic of Lord Selbourne, the first Earl of Lansdowne, whose falsehoods were so very well-known to all, that he could only deceive them by speaking the truth.—Yours, etc.,

J. N. LUNGRANA.

Bandora, December 19.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Captain G. N. L. Labertouche, 122nd Rajputana Infantry, to be Cantonment Magistrate at Ahmedabad, in addition to his Military duties, vice Lieutenant A. P. Wodehouse and to be a Magistrate of the First Class within the limits of the Cantonment of Ahmedabad. Captain Labertouche, also to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the Government of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay, and to be the Judge of the Court of Small Causes established within the limits of the Cantonment of Ahmedabad, and, under section 8 of Act XIII of 1889, to declare that the value of the suits which are to be cognizable by him shall not exceed Rs. 50.

Mr. K. C. Rushton, on return to duty, to be District Superintendent of Police, Kaira.

Captain H. J. R. Twigg, I.M.S., Acting Superintendent, Yeravda Central Prison, was on furlough from the 7th September to the 31st October both days inclusive.

Mr. C. M. Roberts, Jailor, Central Prison, Yeravda, was in charge of the office of Superintendent, Central Prison, Yeravda, in addition to his own duties, from the 7th to the 18th September both days inclusive.

Captain E. F. Annand, Officiating Cantonment Magistrate, Deolali in the district of Nasik, to be a Magistrate of the First Class in that district.

Mr. W. C. Holman, on return to duty, to be Distict Superintendent of Police, Ratnagiri, vice Mr. W. Heyland proceeding on leave.

Mr. S. D. Smith, B.A., to be First Grade Assistant Collector of Excise, on Rs. 800 per mensem.

The services of Mr. G. A. Gammie are pleased at the disposal of the Government of India.

Mr. T. F. Main, B.Sc. (Edin.), to be Deputy Director of Agriculture, Bombay Presidency.

Mr. G. Leathem, I.C.S., has now completely passed the Higher Standard Revenue Departmental Examination.

Mr. A. M. Macmilllan, I.C.S., has been allowed an extension of furlough on medical certificate for six weeks.

Mr J. Grundy is appointed Chief Inspector of Mines in India substantive "pro tem." with effect from the 19th November.

Mr. A. L. Coverton, M.A. (Oxon.), Inspector of European Schools, Bombay and Central Provinces, has been allowed to return to duty before the expiry of his leave.

The following appointment has been made on the Personal Staff of His Excellency the Governor:—Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. L. Dunlop, Commanding Bombay Volunteer Rifles to be Honorary Aide-de-Camp.

Mr. F. H. Claridge to be temporary Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers.

Major W. S. P. Ricketts, M.B., I.M.S., to be Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Sind Registration District, vice Lieutenant-Colonel A. V. Anderson, M. B., I.M.S., retired.

Poona Volunteer Rifle Corps.—Captain Hugh Reginald Osborne is transferred from the Supernumerary List of the Bangalore Volunteer Rifles to the Active List of the Poona Volunteer Rifle Corps with effect from date of transfer.

Mr. W. D. Sheppard, I. C. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Major J. H. McDonald, M.B., C.M., I.M.S., to act as Surgeon, Gokaldas Tejpal Native General Hospital, Bombay, in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave of Major J. G. Hojel, M.B., B.S., I.M.S., or pending further orders.

2nd Battalion, Great Indian Peninsula Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps.—Claude Walter Tylden Pattenson, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant to fill an existing vacancy. Dated 1st November.

Bombay Volunteer Rifles.—Charles Macnamara Ward, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant to complete the establishment. Dated 11th November.

2nd Battalion, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles.—Henry Langley Jones, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant to complete the establishment. Dated 1st October.

Mr. H. F. Bale, Assoc. M Inst. C. E., to be Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and Superintending Engineer, 2nd Class, temporary.

Mr. Ali Akbar, M. Inst. C. E., to be Executive Engineer, 1st Grade permanent, and Superintending Engineer, 3rd Class temporary (outside the scale).

Mr. G. McC. Harrison, to be Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent.

SUPERINTENDENT POWER'S TRANSFER.

Appreciation of his Services.

Superintendent Power of the Bombay City Police Force has been transferred to the District Police and he leaves to-day for Poona to take up his new appointment as District Deputy Superintendent of Police, Poona. Mr. Power has been in the Bombay Police for thirteen years, joining the force in 1894 as a Constable. He was made Inspector in 1898 and Superintendent in 1905. While an Inspector he distinguished himself in the Mahim burglary case in 1901. In November 1902 the late Mr. Kursondas Chabildas, the then Third Presidency Magistrate, specially commended him for the ability and intelligence shown by him in a case of burglary. He was also commended by the Commissioner of Police for skilfully and successfully conducting the ten-rupee currency note forgery case up to conviction. The Commissioner had remarked that the conducting of the case demanded great skill. In addition to these appreciations Mr. Power has also been the recipient of several rewards for his pluck and energy shown in bringing budmashes to justice and also for rendering valuable assistance in time of big fire and like occurrences. Mr. Mayers has been appointed Superintendent of Police, "E" Division, in place of Mr. Power. Mr. O'Kieffe has been transferred from the Harbour to "F" Division and Inspector Flanagan has been appointed in charge of the Harbour Police.

THE EMPIRE CINEMATOGRAPH.

The Empire Cinematograph Company who are daily exhibiting a series of living pictures seem to possess quite an inexhaustible stock of films. Every week the programme is changed and new and interesting subjects are shown on the screen. The apparatus is worked so skilfully that the reproductions appear realistic and life like. The movements are so timely and accurate that all the natural effects are preserved and the audience forget for a moment that they see meer pictures. The selection of the subjects is also very good indeed. Every programme contains natural scenery, some tragic incident, an item of sports and some funny sketch and or skit. What makes the reproduction more effective is the natural size of the figures. Every attempt is made to keep as closely to nature as possible and avoid exaggeration altogether. The large audiences which meet in the Framji Cowasji Hall Dhobitalao, are the best evidences of the popularity and excellence of the show.

THE Madras Government have issued a "correction slip" to the Famine Code of 1905. It is for the guidance of Disbursing Officers, who are directed to draw funds for expenditure on relief works from the nearest Treasury or Sub-Treasury, and special arrangements for the supply of such funds through private agencies will be permitted only in exceptional cases. The object of this is obviously to save Bankers' commission for cashing cheques and pay bills. Before sanctioning special arrangements with private agencies, the Local Government must satisfy themselves by reference to the Accountant-General that no more economical arrangement can be made and that the particular method proposed is free from objection.

A LONDON merchant of exceptional experience and good judgment, writing to the "Ceylon Observer" on the 22nd November, remarks:—"I do not think there is much to fear for the rubber investor in good Plantation Companies, because the yield of natural rubber from Africa and South America will rapidly contract if the fall in prices continues. The estimate of 3s. per lb. taken by conservative people for Plantation rubber looks to me a very reasonable one, and, as you know, it will yield a high rate of profit. The misfortune about the business has been the premature boom which came and rushed shares up unduly high. There have been far too many Companies and certainly too many that looked at least indifferent."

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SPORTING NEWS.

CRICKET.

Ceylon Team vs. Islam Gymkhana.

VICTORY FOR THE VISITORS.

THE glorious uncertainty of cricket once more showed itself in the match between the Malay Cricket team from Ceylon and the local Islam Gymkhana. Overnight the Malays had made 107, to which the Islam Gymkhana had responded with a total of 242. The Gymkhana were thus ahead of their opponents by the substantial margin of 135 runs. Yesterday's result was therefore a surprise. The Malay team deserves great credit for fighting an uphill game and converting into victory what at first looked like certain defeat. E. M. Mantra contributed materially to the success of his side, but Warish was the hero of the match, the success of his side being due more to his efforts than to anybody else's. His remarkable analysis of 7 wickets for 4 runs speaks for itself. Maintaining a grand length throughout, the Malay trundler completely beat the Gymkhana batsmen, only one of whom could enter into double figures.

On play being resumed yesterday, the Malay team going in to bat made 192, to which C. H. Mantara, M. A. Jaldeen and Warish contributed 83, 25 and 24, respectively. Going in third wicket down, Mantara carried his bat for 83, which included 11 fours. He played a capital innings, not giving a single chance throughout.

The Islam Gymkhana in their second venture could total only 37 runs, Edroos being the only one to enter into double figures. They thus lost the match by 20 runs. Following are the scores:—

MALAY CRICKET TEAM.

Warish, b Mullaji	24
M H Jaldeen, b Mullaji	20
T S Buckman, run out	0
M M Jaldeen, b Mullaji	4
C H Mantara, not out	83
A C Amath, c Peer Mahomed, b Peerbhai	2
M A Jaldeen, b C M Ali	25
A A Amath, b Mullaji	12
O C Amath, b C M Ali	4
M A Sampan, b C M Ali	1
S Sulaiman, c Edroos, b Mullaji	6
Extras	11
Total	192

ISLAM GYMKHANA.

C M Ali, b M M Jaldeen	2
Nensi, b M M Jaldeen	1
Razak, c Mantara, b Warish	1
Peer Mahomed, st A Amath, b M M Jaldeen	1
Mullaji, b Warish	6
Oomer, l-b-w, b Warish	0
Peerbhoy, b Warish	0
Edroos, b Warish	18
Bandookwala, b Warish	0
Bustani, b Warish	0
Tyabji, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	37

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MALAY TEAM.

Bowlers	Balls	Runs	Maidens	Wickets
Ali	84	61	0	3
Mullaji	143	46	8	5
Bustani	36	28	2	0
Edroos	54	31	3	0
Pirbhai	30	15	1	1

ISLAM GYMKHANA.

Bowlers	Balls	Runs	Maidens	Wickets
Warish	59	4	5	7
M M Jaldeen	51	25	2	3

BOMBAY TEAM FOR CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DECEMBER 19.

The Bombay team which will play Calcutta at Cricket again this year during Christmas is now practically complete and includes Captain Rutter, Major Leslie, R. E., Lieut. Airy, and Lieut. Anstruther from Poona, Lieut. Cooper from Ahmednagar; Messrs. Stove and Joy from Central India; and Messrs Filbrick and Powell from Bombay. Two others have still to send in their replies. Poona accordingly contributes four crack bats, two of whom played in the Presidency match in September last, viz., Rutter and Airy. Both of them at Calcutta last year had an average of over 55. After playing Calcutta the Bombay team will tackle the Maharajah of Cooch Behar's eleven. They start for Calcutta on the 21st inst.

BOMBAY HUNT.

THE meet of the Bombay Fox-hounds was held yesterday morning on the flats close by the Jackal Club, and some 50 people assembled there at half past six o'clock. It was however some few minutes before it was possible to move off, as the dawn seemed to take an unusually long time to break. The days are naturally short at this period of the year, but some heavy dark clouds retarded the presence of the sun, and were also doubtless accountable for the atmosphere being closer and more muggy than has recently been the case. As soon as the elements were sufficiently favourable the pack was trotted off to the coverts in the direction of Parla, and on reaching the woods near the dry tank, a loud burst of "music" announced the pleasing fact that a jackal was in the neighbourhood. Reins are at once caught up and horses have to move at no ordinary speed to enable us to keep the flying "beauties" in view. Away they go on to the melon ground and make a straight line for Sahar Hill. The somewhat dim light made perhaps the dangerous holes in this extremely rough ground not quite so noticeable as usual, but the pace from the find to Sahar Hill resembled a five furlong scurry more than anything else. On reaching the hill the pack were for a moment or two at fault, but soon picked up the scent again and continued the hunt through some densely wooded parts of the hill. The jackal was evidently not desirous to move out of covert as for a considerable time the pack hunted round and round the thick trees. At last, however, the "Varmint" found that hiding was of no avail, and broke away across the open Bomanwadi Valley. The pack held to the scent in a solid mass, and the gallop after them over this long stretch of rice fields was delightful. Leaving this valley behind us we again have to traverse a very fair sample of melon ground, but it does not last for any length of time as we soon reach some fine grass fields fenced with first class cactus hedges. Dipping down into a nullah the chase is carried on over a grand tract of paddy bunds parallel with the Andheri Road, and at first it seemed as if the jackal was endeavouring to make for Marole, but swerving right handed he pilots us across the Main Tulsi Water Pipe, through a very deep stoney nullah, and eventually reaches the Back Water. The hounds are too close upon him to admit of any hesitation and he accordingly swims across the stream with the whole of the pack following him. There is still a good deal of water in this river, and we have therefore to find a suitable place which would enable our horses and ourselves to get across in safety, but our natural eagerness to live with the hounds gives us no time to dilly dally on the banks of the stream. Many people effected the crossing in water, which was a good deal deeper than they would have cared to face without a pack of hounds in front of them, but one heard fortunately of no serious casualties, though on more than one previous occasion this dark looking straw has been the cause of no little discomfort. Leaving the water safely behind us, we have to gallop hard across a long tract of rice fields which are fenced with exceptionally big banks until reaching the Vehar-Kurla Road. Continuing straight across this road a slight check occurred amongst some deep stone quarries, but it was not of very long duration, as hounds soon again own to the scent and are off once more along a very stoney plateau, and those riders, who rode the line which the pack had taken, had perforce to negotiate some sharp stone walls, one of which had a nasty deep drop on the landing side. On reaching the better riding country on the far side of this plateau the jackal seemed to have set his mask for the big Lake at Powai, but by turning to the right the mountains, which close in one side of the great Horse Shoe Valley, appear to be his point. He is not however destined to reach them, as after galloping though some thick under-growth a wild whoo hoop in some open paddy fields beyond almost at the foot of the huge range of hills announce that another fine jackal is no more. The run had lasted for a full 40 minutes, and both as regards the charming country we had ridden over, and the excellent manner in which the pack held to the scent, it can only be described as really brilliant. It was worthy of our beautiful Salsette at its best. No doubt the green and soft grass fields of the hunting countries in England and Ireland have many attractions which cannot be denied, but such a morning's gallop, as we had yesterday morning, will doubtless be admitted by everybody to be at all events a very fine substitute. Before closing these few remarks mention should be made of the evident pleasure expressed in all faces at the return to the hunting field of the popular Whip, who just before the regular season commenced, whilst in the exercise of his unselfish duties, was the unfortunate victim of a nasty accident, which to everybody's great, regret necessitated his remaining out of the saddle for no less than 5 weeks.

JACKAL.

BOMBAY 2ND EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday December 21.

HORSES LEFT IN.

After declaration of forfeit at 6 p.m. on Thursday December 19.

The Christmas Plate.—5 furlongs. Killua, Epitome, Jubilant, Vocalist, Faded Lily and Projecture.

The Winter Plate.—7 furlong. Epitome, Sir Galahad, Rosewater, Baritone, Projecture and Admiral Crichton.

The Arab Trial Plate.—1 mile. Scarlet, Antica, Rashad, Melbourne, Peculiar, Krushan, Poseidon and Hadee.

The Holiday Plate.—6 furlongs. Basheer, Rajput, Patna, Mudlool, Lucky Jung, Madrid, Fadil, Sabah, Aro dia, Ashroff, Meerjan, Little John and Dumra.

The Little Arab Trial Plate—5 furlongs. Grey Falcon, Basheer, Rajput, Gaucho, Rose, Mudlool, Sherali, Sahoon, Koomash, Angler, Darby, Engine and Little John.

Auction Plate.—¾ mile. Express Frederick, Bourbon, Bazzar, Madrid, Muddaries, Happy Land, Faugh-a-allagh, Sherali Cham Chuman and Maluan.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary W.I.T.C.

Bombay, December 19.

POLO ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT.

Entries.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 18.

The 15th Hussars, Jodhpur; the 17th Lancers, Cooch Behar; the Rajput Pilgrims and two Calcutta teams are to compete in the Indian Polo Association Polo tournament which begins here on Monday.

MR. BELL IRVING'S MOTOR RIDE TO CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 19.

Mr. Bell Irving, who is proceeding from Bombay to Calcutta, upon a 24 h.p. Deasy, was at Allahabad last night and is due in Raneegunge this afternoon.

THE KARACHI ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Twenty-Seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company was held at the registered office of the Company, No. 15-17, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Mr. Eknath R Khote presided:—

The Directors' report showed:—

The Directors now beg to submit their Report, with the Audited Accounts of the Company, for the year ended 31st August last. The Profit and Loss Statement shows a balance of Rs. 174-1-5 against the Company. The Board regret to report that no reduction in the cost of manufacture has been effected. The quantity of Ice sold is slightly less than that sold during the previous 12 months. Competition increased by the starting of Mr. Batatawalla's Ice Factory and other Ice Factory erected by Mr. A. M. Jeewanjee will shortly commence work. The spare land has been let for the purpose of storing timber at the rate of Rs. 200 per month.

An offer for the sale of the land on certain conditions has been received, but as the negotiations are still proceeding, the Board are unable to make any definite statement about the matter.

The Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st August last were adopted. Dr. Dhanjishaw H. Patel was re-elected Director. Mr. Eknath R. Khote was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The same Auditors were re-appointed. The usual compliment to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

7 YEARS' TORTURE FROM PILES.

Saved from Operation and Cured by Zam-Buk.

Mr. Thomas W. Rate of Lucks Bridge, Spalding Common, Lincolnshire is a strapping young drayman in the employ of a brewery company at Spalding. He will always remain grateful to Zam-Buk for having cured him of bleeding piles.

"I formerly worked as a machinist and labourer in the Fens" he said. "Her six or seven years I was a great sufferer from blind, bleeding, and itching piles. At times I was so bad that I could not find comfort in any position. I could neither stand, sit, nor lie down without enduring great pain. For a time I was laid up, and this during harvest operations when I most wanted to be about. I was so bad that I have frequently lost as much as half a pint of blood at a time. Two years ago I was very bad, and finding it difficult to follow my employment, I placed myself in the doctor's hands. He gave me medicine, but it did me no good at all. Then he said there was only one thing further for me, and that was to go into hospital and have the piles cut away. I was unwilling to go being much opposed to operations.

"I gave up the doctor's medicine, and tried several other remedies recommended by friends, but they were of no use. I was in very bad way, and it seemed as though my case was hopeless. I suffered fearfully for about six months, and used to go about my work in misery. After reading of what Zam Buk was doing for other people, I decided to give it a trial. I started with a small pot, and my wife afterwards obtained another. Before I got to the end of the first pot, I felt a different man, and persevering with the treatment, I was very soon a great deal better. I could stand sit or lie down without trouble, and obtained my proper rest. I continued to use Zam-Buk regularly and eventually was quite cured. Five months have elapsed since Zam-Buk cured me but I have still no trouble whatever, although before resorting to Zam-Buk I had been tortured with the piles for years. I feel like a new man altogether."

Mr. Rate added that others in his household had used Zam-Buk with wonderful success for cuts and sores. The children always enquired for it when anything was amiss. "We shall never" he concluded "be without a pot of Zam-Buk in the house as it is so useful for injuries and skin troubles."

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THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE NATIONAL SOCIAL CONFERENCE.

"The Rast Goftar."—Amongst multifarious Conferences annually held at the seat of the Indian National Congress, the one that is convened for the discussion of social topics of public interests should be awarded the place of honour. Social movements that are carried on in the name and interest of the public have a wider scope for practical work than political movements which are naturally restricted under specific conditions to mere verbal deliberations and representations to constituted authorities. The abolition of an impost, the acquisition of a new right or a fresh political privilege, improvements in the administrative methods and machinery of the Government are questions for example which admit of no practical solution but through public discussion and verbal agitation only. The mission of the reformer is more open to practical treatment and responsive in its results commensurately with the practical work that is brought to bear on its treatment. An ounce of solid constructive work is possessed of more intrinsic worth than a ton of theories and glib discourse from platform and the press. The caste that encourages social intercourse with another lower in social rank and position, the one that prohibits child-marriages, or permits marriages of widows, or removes restrictions on the crossing of Kala-pani, or renders female education compulsory in the community, accomplishes more towards the growth of social emancipation and improvement than the work of a decade of conferences which meet from year to year to talk, chatter and sanely ponder over threadbare subjects of which the utility is self-obvious. Members of the Social Conference, individually and collectively, can help their cause by some practical demonstration of their regard for reform, and should be able to render an account of themselves every year that they mount the platform to hold out a guarantee of their good faith that they are about to preach just what they have themselves practised in their life time.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST PLAGUE.

The "Parsi."—We should like to see more gatherings like that on the 7th instant at Colaba, when over 2,000 of Messrs. Bradbury, Bradbury & Co.'s workpeople at the Colaba Mill assembled to hear a lecture by Dr. Turner on plague prevention. The lecture was chiefly devoted to the benefits of inoculation, it being admitted that the hands themselves could not in many cases be bothered with the killing of rats. The house a mill-hand lives in is generally of such structure and surroundings that as fast as he killed the rats in it they would come in again from outside; but still it would be as well to lay a little stress on the advisability of moving whatever is movable at frequent intervals and filling up rat holes with mortar or cement. So far as inoculation is concerned, the example of His Highness the Maharaja of Kolhapur was cited and also the opinion of Sir Bhalchandra Krishna. Votes of thanks and garlanding finished the meeting. To be effective this lecture should be followed by many others, organised for preference by native mill-agents and delivered by native doctors for one of the symptoms of latter-day discontent has been the active dissemination of distrust in the motives of all European activity in India, even when purely benevolent, and the designation as sycophants and flatterers of all Indians who associate themselves therewith. This will, it is to be hoped, die a natural death in time, but while the evil exists we should withdraw its sting as far as possible.

HEALTH CAMP ON KENNEDY SEA FACE.

"The Rast Goftar".—The resolution which Government have lately published for the removal of health camps along the Sea Face stultifies in a way their solemn pledge to do all that lies in them to co-operate with the public in its struggles against the ravages of plague. It is not long since His Majesty the King Emperor publicly announced his heart-felt sympathy for the terrible privations of his long-suffering subjects in India, and addressed a letter to the Viceroy to urge on the executive in the various Provinces to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to combat the plague. H. E. the Governor, who yields to none in his sympathy for his people, has applied himself heart and soul to initiate a policy that would most effectually carry out the wishes of His Majesty the King. Unfortunately, the Governor is yet unaware of local circumstances, and has not seen Bombay in its plague season. The only version which we can put upon his acquiescence to a course of action fraught with serious consequences to the general health of the public is that he has not been properly acquainted and advised by his subordinate officials as to the invaluable service which health camps along the Sea Face have rendered to the public of Bombay during the most violent outbreaks of the epidemic. To maintain that the masses, with their ingrained conservative habits, would so far overcome their prejudice against inoculation as to submit themselves to that measure within a conscionable length of time, is to take a most optimistic view which previous experience does not justify. The task of the education of the people in the uses of inoculation would be perforce protracted, patient and ardous, and slow in its progress and results. For ma[redacted] a long year we must, therefore, resign ourselves to[redacted]gation as the only available and effectual meas[redacted]ENERAL HOSPITAL.

"Th[redacted]atter for congratulation that the[redacted], the foundation-stone of which was[redacted]y by H. E. the Governor, will be an acc[redacted]t in a short time. No doubt we have Parsi wa[redacted] two big hospitals of this city bearing Parsi name[redacted]at they are not always given exclusively to Parsi use, and besides the management of them, as we are aware, is not such as would induce Parsis to take advantage of them. Under the circumstances a Parsi General Hospital was a longfelt want and the community showed its willingness to subscribe towards its fund if somebody took up the project in earnest. Fortunately for us in Mr. Jehanghir B. Petit we found that somebody, an able, persevering and indefatigable worker who so far has succeeded in collecting a sum of fifteen lacs of rupees and brought the project up to the laying of its foundation stone. But fifteen lacs, as Mr. Jehanghir tells us will not suffice for endowment, five lacs more being needed to put the whole on a sound footing. The medical officers to take charge of it are not decided upon yet, and excepting the nurses and the house surgeons the other posts will be mostly honorary. Of course one would like to have the whole staff chosen from amongst good and efficient Parsi medical men—but above all we would have the institution in thoroughly capable hands, were they Parsis or others, after the sad experience we have had of so many otherwise good institutions of these kind which keep in a mediocre state of efficiency for want of a capable head to control and guide the whole.

"The Gujarati."—His Excellency the Governor laid on Wednesday last the foundation-stone of the new Bomanji Dinshaw Petit Parsee General Hospital at Cumballa Hill. As was truly observed by Sir Jamsetji, the event was an important one in the annals of the Parsee community. The history of the movement was related in a highly interesting report which every community in India will do well to study and ponder over. It shows what a progressive, intelligent, homogenous, compact and well circumstanced community with philanthropic instincts can do for its own advancement. The Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital and various other charitable and educational institutions prove what it is capable of doing for the benefit of the other communities by which it is surrounded. Mr. Bomanjee Dinshaw's contribution to the Hospital fund was a princely one and the response from other individual donors was also generous. As remarked by His Excellency in his speech which discloses a sound and thoughtful scholar, the greatest consolation which rich people possess is their ability to do something for poorer humanity, and Mr. Bomanjee is certainly entitled to that great consolation. The hospital will be located on a splendid and well-ventilated site, constructed on the latest principles and equipped with the best appliances.

THE EXPANSION OF BOMBAY.

"The Jam-e-Jamshed",—Sir George Clarke's letter on the expansion of Bombay is one more proof of the attention his Excellency has been concentrating on the solution of the more pressing problems of the day. The question of the development and expansion of Bombay has engaged serious attention of successive rulers of the Presidency during the last two decades. Lord Reay appointed a committee to chalk out a plan for the purpose. Lord Harris was not without ideas of his own; and his successor Lord Sandhurst formed the Improvement Trust with certain definite aims and notions. Lord Northcote watched with sympathetic attention the efforts both of the Trust and of private capitalists to improve and enlarge the town, and Lord Lamington dreamed some giant dreams, the filling up of the Back Bay being one of his pet hobbies. Now comes Sir George Clarke, submitting proposals towards the same end, some of which are merely the echo of what Bombay rather hotly discussed not long ago and deliberately rejected. Of course, there is no reason why Sir George Clarke should not after mature deliberation submit an old and rejected proposal to the reconsideration of the public. But the danger is that in seeking to do things on a grand scale for the good of the entire community, the interests of the poor and the less influential may be sacrificed to those of the wealthier. The reclamation of the Back Bay and the fixing of the B. B. Line Terminus either at Grant Road and Parel seems calculated to bring this about, though of course Sir George Clarke does not mean it. But, then, we should not prejudice the Government scheme ere it has been duly considered by the public and those best fitted to pronounce an opinion upon it. All that need be said at this stage is that we appreciate the good and statesmanlike intentions of the Government of Sir George Clarke to settle this huge problem on practical lines, and to draw up a workable scheme for the all-round expansion of the island in the interests of all classes of the community.

"The Gujarati."—Over and over again has the Hon. Sir Pherozeshah complained in the discussion of schemes [illegible] forwarded to the Corporation for consideration that the City Improvement Board had been embarking upon schemes after schemes without any exhaustive and comprehensive survey of the city and of the requirements of the growing population. The apologists of the Board have attempted to silence him by saying that such a survey had once been made. But those who had given any serious thought to the subject became convinced long ago that the operations of the Board were not based on any systematic and comprehensive survey of the city and its suburbs so as to make different schemes to fit into one consistent whole. In Sir George Clarke the Presidency has been fortunate in securing a ruler whose scientific attainments as an engineer have given his mind a broader outlook than to many others, and we are not surprised that His Excellency has not been slow to discern the absence of a comprehensive and well-considered scheme for the development of Bombay Town and Island. Rents have gone up enormously both for the rich, middle and poorer classes, though the area of the town is 11 miles and the population 10 lacs. The result is great hardship and insanitary over-crowding and their attendant evils.

THE GAME OF THE EXTREMISTS.

"The Indu Prakash":—The last and desperate game which a certain section of Extremists are determined to play is now foreshadowed by the hysterical writings of the patriotic "Kesari" and the proceedings of a meeting of the Sarvajanik Sabha of which its obliging Secretary has supplied the whole press with a report. The entire Indian press outside the Maharashtra has till now been kept in ignorance of the cunning devices of these irresponsible betrayers of the cause of the country masquerading under the title of patriots—what a prostitution of the word!—and even those of our sober journals who knew, have been unwilling and chary to expose their folly and wickedness in the hope that time would mend their faults. But this hope has disappeared. Now that a fortnight has elapsed since the nomination at Surat, and when there are scarcely three weeks for the Congress to assemble, an organized association bearing the once revered name of the Sarvajanik Sabha has the temerity to protest against it and the "Kesari" urges that amendments should be moved if Dr. Rash Behari Ghose does not resign his nomination. The patriotism of the "Kesari," which people all over India vied with one another in attempting to help and support as against the wrath of the Bombay Government only ten years ago, stands revealed to-day in its newly-developed naked selfishness and unadulterated love of mischief-mongering. Not content with defending the Nagpur rowdies, not content with abusing the All-India Committee, the "Kesari" to-day, under the mask of befriending Lala Lajpatrai, vents its wrath and chagrin at the disappointment of its editor in regard to the Congress chair, by instigating headstrong youths to disrespect a settled constitution, to disregard ordinary canons of conducting public movements and thus to cause disturbance at the Congress meeting. May we ask whether Mr. Tilak himself would move the amendment from the Congress platform? We wish he would, but he won't do it; his game has often been to abet as editor the doings by others of things he would himself not do in his individual capacity.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, DECEMBER 19.

Rainfall occurred locally in the south of India but cloud has decreased and the skies are now only lightly to moderately overcast in the Peninsula.

In Burma, the skies are clear or lightly clouded; humidity is normal or in defect and the temperature nearly normal.

In the north-east of India and Orissa the skies are free from cloud, the quantity of moisture in the air is either equal to or below normal and the temperature low in Orissa and normal elsewhere.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces no cloud is reported, humidity is normal in parts of the United Provinces and in defect elsewhere while the temperature is approximately normal.

In the north-west of India the skies are clear and at most stations the air is somewhat drier than usual and the temperature remains nearly normal.

In the Peninsula, rain has fallen locally in the south of India; Madras and Cochin report 1 inch, Kodaikanal and Mangalore ½ an inch, the skies are lightly to moderately clouded, humidity is normal or in excess except in the north of Bombay and the Deccan, while the temperatures is high in Hyderabad, Bombay, the Deccan and the Konkan Coast and normal elsewhere.

Forecast.—A few falls of rain are probable in the south of India.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 19TH DECEMBER.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Rain much needed generally.

Hansi.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crop accounts unfavourable.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Agra.—Absence of rain causing anxiety. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Amraoti.—Unusually cool. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Crop accounts unfavourable.

Broach.—Unusually cool. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening. Cotton picking commenced partially at north-east side. Crop prospects generally good.

Viramgam.—Cotton plants in flower.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants in flower, flowering advanced and showing bolls. Cotton crop accounts satisfactory.

Dholera.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing and want more rain.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

Barsi.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops suffering from little rain.

Sholapur.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain much needed generally.

Bellary.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plants in flower.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 19TH DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Thursday, the 19th December, 1907, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

Punjab.—Skies remain clear and the moisture in the air is slightly in defect of normal at Multan and Rawalpindi and generally in excess elsewhere. Wind direction was westerly at Delhi, while calm was recorded at the remaining stations. Maximum temperature varied but slightly from normal, while the night temperature was 2° to 6° cooler througout the district.

United Provinces.—Skies are clear and the amount of moisture in the air is in defect of normal at Jhansi, Agra and Allahabad and in moderate excess at Mainpuri and Cawnpore. Calm and north-westerly winds prevail generally. Temperature was cooler than usual at night throughout the whole district.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear and humidity is in excess at Jacobabad and in defect of normal in Rajputana and at Karachi. Calms and north-easterly winds prevail generally. Maximum temperature was 1° cooler than usual at Jaipur and 1° to 4° warmer in Sind and at Ajmer. Minimum temperature was cooler than usual both in Sind and Rajputana.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are altogether free from cloud and the air contains the usual quantity of moisture at Bhavnagar Para and less than it elsewhere. The direction of air movement was south-westerly at Bhuj, northerly or north-westerly at Surat and Bhavnagar Para and generally north-easterly elsewhere. Maximum temperature was 1° to 5° hotter than usual at Veraval and Surat and 4° to 9° cooler at Bhuj, Rajkot, Bhavnagar Para, Ahmedabad and Deesa.

Central Provinces.—Skies are clear and humidity has been in excess of normal at Jubbulpore and Raipur and in defect in other places. Calms and north-easterly or south-easterly winds prevail generally. Day temperature was 1° to 2° above normal at Akola and Amraoti and 1° to 3° in defect elsewhere. Temperature during night was 1° hotter at Akola and 2° to 9° cooler elsewhere.

Konkan.—The sky is nearly overcast at Mormugao and lightly or moderately clouded elsewhere. Wind was blowing from north-easterly direction at Bombay and Mormugao while calm was recorded at Ratnagiri and Karwar. Temperature both during day and night was hotter than usual. The air contains moisture in excess of normal throughout the district.

Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—The sky is clear at Nizamabad and lightly or moderately clouded in other places. Humidity is in defect of normal at Malegaon, Ahmednagar and Poona and generally in excess at the remaining stations. Calms and easterly or south-easterly breezes prevail generally. Weather both during the day and night time was hotter than usual at the majority of the reporting stations.

General Remarks.—An area of abnormally low pressure lies over the greater part of Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West, the Central Provinces and over Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad and Konkan and also at and about Bellary, Cuddapah and Madras where weather is slightly unsettled and likely to become more or less cloudy.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

BY THE WAY.

FRENCH LITERATURE ABROAD.

"The good name of France abroad has been steadily compromised by the kind of books exported for foreign consumption," says the Paris correspondent of the "Times." "This state of things has aroused the anxiety not only of the publishers and critics, but also of the French Foreign Office. As a result of the articles of M. Hugues le Roux in the "Matin" and those of others eighteen French publishers of books which are an honour to French science as well as to French respectability have just made an arrangement whereby they are to facilitate the exhibition and sale of their books at certain strategic points in the United States pending a similar organisation in England.

A SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT.

"M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, has just authorised one of the French Vice-Consuls, M. Damour, to take a "congo" in order to open at New Orleans the first agency for the sale of French books founded in the above-mentioned circumstances. Commercial travellers are to carry thence throughout the great cities of the Middle West the manifold proofs in the form of volumes from the presses of Alcan, Delagrave, Gauthier-Villars, Hachette, Larousse, Masson, Plon, and others that France is intellectually and morally a very different world from that which the only 'literature' that has hitherto penetrated those regions on any large scale would lead the public to suppose. A similar central agency will shortly be established in New York."

R. L. STEVENSON'S GRAVE.

"I have received an Auckland paper with a letter signed William Cooper, who gives a somewhat depressing account of Stevenson's grave," writes "A Man of Kent" in the "British Weekly." "The writer does not believe that Stevenson wished to be burried at the top of the hill, where his tomb is situated. However, whether he really desired it or not, there he lies. 'There, far below, glistens in the fierce tropical sunlight the roof beneath which were penned those letters to the "Times" which scorched Chief Justice Cedercrantz and scarified President Von Pilsach. There was written the Footnote to History,' with its attacks upon German methods and German aims. And now that beloved Vailima has passed, first into the hands of a German capitalist, and finally into the possession of the Imperial German Government, as a residence for the head of the German administration of Samoa; over the house where, in December, 1894, the last remains of the dead author lay wrapped in the blended folds of the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, the Double Eagle shakes its sable wings in mocking and exultant triumph.'"

JUBILEE OF THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN."

"The" Manchester Guardian" has attained its jubilee as a penny newspaper," writes Mr. W. Hutcheon in the "British Weekly." "The occasion affords an opportunity for a brief review of the history of what is admittedly the best conducted and most powerful provincial newspaper in England. 'Moral earnestness' has been the life-long note of the "Manchester Guardian." The "Guardian" has always had a reputation for the quality of its critical work. In literature and art, music and the drama, it has been content with nothing short of the best. Its book reviews are for the most part anonymous; were they signed it would at once be seen from what a wide and distinguished field its contributors have been selected."

A NEW EVENING PAPER WANTED.

"Surely the time has come when some benevolent millionaire might present us with a new evening penny paper," says the "Academy." "The Westminster Gazette," which, when it was in opposition, was lively and sometimes even brilliant, has suffered that eclipse which is apt to overtake party papers when their party returns to power. . . . The "Pall Mall" in opposition is, if possible, duller than the "Pall Mall" as a Government organ. On the other hand, the "Evening Standard" has lately been much improved, and the "Globe" retains its sound old fashioned standard of excellence."

NEWSPAPERS AND FINANCIAL ADVICE.

"The adverse judgment sustained by M. A. P. on appeal is a serious one for that journal," says the "Daily News." "The pennyworth of advice having entailed a loss of £1,400, the appellants are adjudged liable to refund the money. On the other hand, it would be a still more serious thing for the public if the astonishing carelessness of M. A. P. in giving that advice should be without redress. 'A good, safe investment paying 5 per cent' was asked for, and the advice given quickly resulted in the loss of the whole capital. That result in itself might have happened without great negligence on the part of the adviser. But when the defaulting 'good stockbroker' also asked for and given turns out to have been an outside broker, defence seems impossible."

RIVAL GROCERS AND THE POET.

A delightful story is told by Mr. J. Hugh Edwards in the "British Weekly" of the time when the late Sir Lewis Morris and Major Jones, the founder of the "Shipping World," were rival Liberal candidates for Carmarthen Boroughs. "A grocer in Carmarthen, who was intensely zealous on behalf of the claims of Sir Lewis Morris, secured from the poet the loan of the full series of his published works. These he put in the centre of his shop-window, with a card bearing the inscription, 'Works by Lewis Morris,' in full confidence that such a display of book would strike the public imagination by showing them what an honour it would be to be represented in Parliament by so able and distinguished a man. Across the road, however, was a rival grocer who was pledged to the candidature of Major Jones. Seeing what had been done by his rival, he at once secured from the Major a complete set of the bound volumes of the "Shipping World." These he triumphantly placed in the centre of his shop-window, and at the foot of the large pile he placed the inscription, 'The Literary Works of Major Jones.'"

PHENOMENAL WALKING FEATS.

There must be few, even among "men of letters," who, like Joseph Hunt, a Lincolnshire postman, can claim to have tramped a distance of, roughly, 240,000 miles, not much less than the equivalent of ten journeys round the earth. Not long ago George Thompson retired from, service as postman in the Langrick District of Yorkshire, after covering on foot 125,000 miles in twenty-six years of letter-carrying, a service fourteen years shorter than that of his Lincolnshire rival. In thirty-four years Orme M. Brown walked 111,000 miles as postman between Cupar and Kilmany and Logie—a distance, as was stated at the appropriate presentation to him of an easy chair, nearly equal to half that which separates the moon from the earth. Mr. John Simmonds, of Henley-on Thames retired with a record of 180,000 miles of fair "heel and toe," the result of forty years' tramping; while, most amazing of all, Thomas Phipps, a postman in the Chipping Norton District, was credited with an aggregate journey of 440,000 miles between the years 1840 and 1898.

BEAUTY AND TALENT.

To be a queen of song, a writer in the "Sphere" insists, a woman must look the part, and have its name. So far as the latter consideration goes, there is no difficulty; the daughter of Tom ones, the pork butcher, if she have the voice, may borrow a hint and a name from the first ice-cream vendor she meets, and be independent of the gift of her godfathers and godmothers, and of the surname to which the birth certificate would hold her. For the rest, the voice is the thing. The costumier and the artist in make-up will add the charms which nature has omitted to supply. Women like Melba, Patti, Emma Eames, Nordica, and the like need no such assistance; but if old portraits correctly reporduce their features, Alboni, Tietjens, and some other of the great past mistresses of melody found their fortunes not in their faces but in their vocal organs only. Beauty may be genius; but genius is not invariably accompanied by beauty.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CHAMBERS'S JOURNAL.

Seventy-five years of "Chambers's Journal" have been completed, and in the Christmas Number for 1907 the editor has some interesting things to say of his Magazine. "We recognise in it a living stream of instruction and entertainment which has flowed for three quarters of a century; has refreshed, stimulated and inspired its millions of readers; and is still flowing with scarcely diminished volume. Only one surviving periodical has an equal record . . . In the exercise of what William Chambers has called the 'winnowing machine' much golden grain has been separated from the vast amount of chaff which inevitably floats towards every editorial sanctum. In this process it is a gratifying fact that early work of afterwards distinguished writers has been retained, such as George Meredith's 'Chillianwallah,' printed July 7, 1849; Thomas Hardy's 'How I Built Myself a House,' March 18, 1865; and Sir A. Conan Doyle's 'Mystery of Sasassa Valley,' in 1879. It is also pleasant to think that Hugh Miller, Mary Russel Mitford, David Masson, the author of 'John Halifax, Gentleman,' G. Manville Fenn, T. W Speight, W. W Jacobs, Stanley Weyman, and Sir T. Wemyss Reid were contributors, amongst thousands of others. Amongst the novelists have been James Payn, Mayne Reid, Christie Murray, Baring-Gould, Sir Walter Besant, Mrs. Oliphant, Grant Allen, E. W. Hornung, Mary Stuart Boyd, John Buchan, and John Oxenham."

THE LADIES' CORNER.

VOGUE FOR THE "JUPE COLLANTE."

Few illustrations are more familiar to the woman who burrows in the fashion journals of the late 'seventies or the early dawn of the 'eighties, writes our Paris lady correspondent, than the caricatures of women apparently dressed in the height of fashion and wearing jupes of an impossible tightness which flare out into a whirlpool of folds and frills at the bottom. Nowadays, although we have still kept our ideas in perspective, the tight clinging skirt is coming more and more into favour, the newest models being shaped and cut with immaculate smoothness over the hips, and half way down, while not even the suspicion of a wrinkle is allowed to break the surface these being only permitted to flare out from the knees to the hem. Between a princess gown of this description and an Empire frock there is no court of appeal even for the stout woman, the Empire skirt being almost as collante as the princess, the "flare" commencing even lower than the knees. To produce the fulness on the former example a series of godets is introduced all round the hem, these being in many cases embroidered in trails of flowers or foliage or elaborately soutache, while importance is given to the scheme by hemming the edge of the skirt with sometimes as many as two or three bands of dark fur in graduated widths.

A NEW SLEEVE.

Where tailor-mades are concerned, the sleeves are looked upon as the "crux" of the costume, and no small amount of thought and care is expended upon their form and trimming. Worth has introduced a charming sleeve for a tailor costume, which is long and exceedingly plain, being studded with buttons from the wrist to the elbow, the button-whole edge being long enough to stand out a little way all the length of the forearm with capital effect. An echo of the "ruffle" of three or four years ago is seen in the little gauffered edging of fine white lawn which defines the border all round, and gives a very charming relief to the dark simplicity of the gown. The "modern" shade of old rose—which borders on a lovely tone of begonia pink—is likewise used extensively by this maitre couturier, insertions and panels of tulle brodee having a charming effect when seen in combination with the soft folds of the cloth. In the case of a costume treated in this manner, with a long plain skirt broken with panels of embroidered tulle in the same shade as the cloth, the loose full coat is fashioned with elngated basques and wide hanging sleeves, the shoulder seams of which are cut slightly long and designed to overlap the sleeves for the purpose of hiding the seam, while a narrow folded band of old rose velvet outlines the waist. The coat is slashed up on either side to reveal the panels of the skirt, while each wide bell sleeve is punctuated with a heavy tassel.

COATS OF BLACK VELVET.

French women are besides pinning their faith to black velvet this season, some of the most elegant costumes being fashioned of the softest and most silky chiffon velours trimmed with plain wide silk military braid, while a Napoleonic collar of chinchilla, only just low enough to show an intermediary neck band of pale pastel blue velvet, covered with silver braiding and cuffs to match gives just the right note of relief to the scheme. In cases where velvet coats are worn with cloth skirts, the velvet chosen is always of the corduroy description, the stripes being rather broader than those with which we are familiar, and designed in the same colour as the cloth to a semi-tone. Dark mole and olive shades are much in evidence in this connection, but where the cloth gown—pur et simple—is concerned, khaki is still one of the most popular shades in spite of the fact that it imparts a certain "drabness" to a colourless skin, and can hardly be called becoming in the majority of instances. A dress of this description in fine faced cloth is nearly always trimmed with thick woollen guipure to match, while a yoke of fine cream net incrusted with cobwebby gold Malines lace does much to redeem the scheme from insipidity.

EMBROIDERED OSTRICH PLUMES ON SATIN GOWNS.

The old fashioned embroideries which simulated branching fronds of bracken and curling ostrich plumes have been subjected to an enthusiastic revival, and are seen "ad infinitum" on the dresses of the Empire persuasion. These are carried out in dull metal thread, the feathers entirely covering the little Empire bodices, while one of the favourite schemes consists of pale lemon coloured satin worked in dull gold and silver combined, of so tarnished an appearance as to suggest that the broderie has actually been hoarded among the treasures of the past since the first decade of the nineteenth century. Absolute unanimity has been shown in the attitude of women in general with regard to the long transparent sleeve for evening wear, and, although its adoption remains purely optional, and those who are endowed with a perfectly moulded arm of sculptured proportions, can take refuge in the tiny draped sleeves of infinitesimal size reaching only a little way below the shoulders—it certainly remains the most popular of modern innovations. The newest form of oversleeves suggests one corner of a shawl of transparent tulle or lace, cut away, and thrown over the shoulder, this being showered thickly with diamond dewdrops, and finished with a glittering fringe.

BIRDS OF PARADISE WORKED ON THE NEW GOWNS.

As regards the tassels of to-day, those of the bell-pull description seem rapidly giving place to more elaborate examples, which are reminiscent of nothing so much as the lustres of a glass-chandelier in a genuine Louis or Empire salon. Each tassel is finished with a shower of drops worked in silk or chenille over a wooden foundation, and measures in some instances as much as six or seven inches. Where evening gowns are concerned, the solid mass of crystal beds which form the basis of the tassel, and are finished with long glittering bugles, thoroughly support the "lustre" illusion, and depend from every available corner of the gown or wrap which they adorn, providing in many cases the only additional decoration to a white dress. Another new idea which has found expression in some wonderfully successful schemes where evening dress is concerned, consists of the body and head of a bird of Paradise worked out in amber, crystal, or rose-coloured beads, on the corsage of a white velvet gown, the long sweeping tail, exaggerated to gargantuan dimensions, providing the design for the front panel, of the jupe.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade.........	0	0	8
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	0	0	19
C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	1	1	16
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmi	0	0	9
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	32
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	7
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	10
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	5
Total	1	1	106
Total plague deaths to date.....	141,190		
Same date last year	1	1	91

SMALL-POX.

Attack.	Death.
2	1

THE RAT CAMPAIGN

The following table shows the results of the rat campaign :—

DECEMBER, 19th 1907.

ard.	Alive.	Dead.	Found Infected.
A	81	48	0
B	162	182	12
C	61	183	2
D	91	53	0
E	172	199	6
F & G	91	5	0
Total to date	531	573	20
Total rats killed			11,358

CHOLERA.

Attack.	Death.
1	1

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

PUNS AND PANTOMIMES.

Pantomime-Writing is not what it used to be. It is not anything like so easy. There was a time when anyone could write pantomimes, and that was because everyone was allowed to make puns. In days gone by, one of Glasgow's most successful pantomimes was written by a monumental mason. That shows. But the public of the present has no use for puns. It wants wit. It does not always get that it wants; but it has grown accustomed to that sort of thing in these days of depression, and makes no complaint, simply going on bearing a long-left want with resignation and fortitude. And now and again it is rewarded, that it may summon up fresh courage for further suffering. Meanwhile, it falls very hard upon our pantomime-writers that they should not be permitted to stripe their pages with a nice pun pattern, such as one used to find in the pantomime books of E. L. Blanchard. (By the way, why should the Drury Lane of my youth have worried a brilliant man like Blanchard to write pantomimes when there are monumental masons to be had? Like employing a King's Counsel in a county court dispute over one pound three and six.) It is hard on our pantomime-writers, because puns were so easy to make and so difficult to suppress. It has been said that the epigram has taken the place the of pun. So it may have done in comedy and at the dinner-table; but of what use is the epigram to the pantomime-writer as a substitute for the pun? You are not going to get a laugh from a pantomime audience by standing a proverb on its head and putting its hat on its feet. The pantomime-writers of Mr. Henry J. Byron's days were sure of getting a laugh at the end of every other line, because they knew they could provide the then welcome pun in the same proportion.

A FAMOUS CRITIC'S VIEW.

The pun was such a popular favourite in my younger days that the man who could not see one was usually put down as a bore. This was the view even of Mr. William Archer, who wrote:—

> We've bores of every sort and size
> At large beneath the sun,
> Who talk, and look exceeding wise,
> And argue and philosphise,
> And criticise (Hullo, Mr. Archer!) and patronise,
> And speechify and dun—
> But, ah, of all the bores to me,
> The most abhorrent, far, is he,
> Who cannot see a pun!

It must have been a soft thing to write pantomimes, when critics were feeling like that. The task to-day is a most thankless one. Puns are barred and booed. Wit (in the pantomime) must not be too clever, or it will not be understood. It must not be refined, or the music hall comedians engaged in the interpretation won't have it. It must not be vulgar, or the Press won't have it. It would to be a splendid thing for the pantomime-writers if only the public would take the pun to its arms again. It would make things so easy all round.

A FALL IN FAIRY QUEENS.

And Fairy Queens are not what they used to be—all the fault of our having no longer any taste for the pun. Standing bolt upright, and firing off, at intervals, short speeches well prepared with puns, was so good for the health that the fairy queens of our youth, it may be remembered, were all very fine and well-developed women. There was something in the training that kept their brows unwrinkled and their figures plump. They had not to worry. They had simply but to do what they were told, and that kept them, as women, in excellent form and spirits. But the fairy queen of to-day is not half such a gorgeous person. She obtains her position rather through her quality than her quantity. Managers forgive the small body so long as she has a large voice. Very right and proper, and quite highly artistic, and all that; but, unfortunately, the fairy queen with concert platform manners seems out of place in pantomime. Moreover, she has an unhappy way with her of not deserting the concert-platform for the pantomime stage until she is more or less obliged to do so. And she works too hard, too seriosly, too well. I'm sure the Right-Down Regular Fairy Queen (with apologies to Gilbert) was more suitable to, however less competent for, her work:—

> She'd walk about with a nervous air—
> (Her knees were a trifle weak)—
> With a pun to force,
> As a matter of course,
> Whenever she had to speak,
> With beautiful silver shoes to wear,
> Which pinched her dainty toes;
> And endless stocks
> Of political "knocks"
> Which were met with a storm of "Oh's!"
> Oh, 'twas a glorious thing, I ween
> This six-foot pantomime Fairy Queen,
> No half-and-half affair, I mean,
> But a right-down regular—regular—regular
> Regular Fairy Queen!

PANTOMIME PREPARATIONS.

Meanwhile, great efforts are being made in pantomime circles to prepare attractive Christmas programmes, despite the fact that the pun is dead and the Right-Down Regular Fairy Queen reigns no more. Mr. J. Hickory Wood and Mr. Arthur Collins have nearly finished their "book" of "The Babes in the Wood" and I have heard whispers of a forest scene, with real birds of the air and real beasts of the field, which promises (as usual) to eclipse everything that has ever before been attempted in this line at Drury Lane. There are two things that must always be done at Drury Lane if Drury Lane (Ltd.) is to keep up its reputation as a dividend-paying concern. Mr. James M. Glover "must" beat time, and Mr. Arthur Collins "must" beat records. At the King's Theatre, Hammersmith (one of the few suburban theatres that have not been turned into music-halls for the benefit of the public), the pantomime which Mr. Mulholland, in conjunction with Mr. C. St. John Denton, is preparing for production on the afternoon of Boxing Day, will be found to be on the subject—more on the subject than usual, it is said—of "Sindbad the Sailor," Mr. Ivan Berlyn, who has lately been winning such high praise for his "Fagin" in the sketch of "Nancy Sikes," should be an excellent "Old Man of the Sea," and Christmas visitors to the King's are not likely to look in vain for lively and enlivening entertainment from Mr. Edward Lauri, Miss Winifred Ward, Mr. Tom Payne, Miss Madeline Rossiter, Messrs. Walton and Lester (who say they are "the world's worst wizards") and the Palace Girls. The Lyceum pantomime will be a very grand affair, judging from announcements; while for his "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Crown Theatre, Peckham, Mr. Cecil Paget has been fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Daisy Wood, who in the "Whittington" pantomime at this theatre last year won the hearts of the entire population of the locality, from Gilbert's "Sir Hugh de Peckam Rye," downwards.

A MUCH DEBATED POINT.

"Blackwood" blamed me writes Ellen Terry in "M A.P." on a much debated point in interpretation for showing too plainly that Portia loves Bassanio before he has actually won her. This seemed to me unjust if only because Shakespeare makes Portia say "before" Bassanio chooses the right casket:

"One half of me is yours—the other half yours—
All yours!"

Surely this suggests that she was not concealing her fondness like a Victorian maiden, and that Bassanio had as surely won her love, though not yet the right to be her husband.

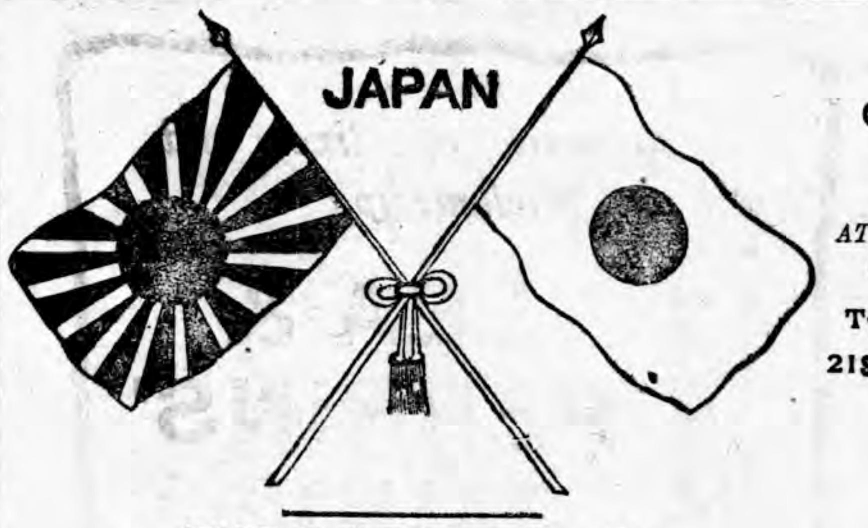
"There is a soul of goodness in things evil," and the criticism made me alter the setting of the scene, and so contrive it that Portia was behind, and out of sight of the men who made hazard for her love.

Dr. Furnivall, a great Shakespearean scholar, was so kind as to write me the following letter about Portia:

"Being founder and director of the new Shakespeare Society, I venture to thank you most heartily for your most charming and admirable impersonation of our poet's Portia, which I witnessed to-night with a real delight. You have given me a new light on the character, and by your so pretty by-play in the Casket Scene have made bright in my memory for ever the spot which almost all critics have felt dull, and I hope to say this in a new edition of Shakespeare.

"Again, those touches of the wife's love in the advocate when Bassanio says he'd give up his wife for Antonio, and when you kissed your hands to him behind his back in the Ring bit—how pretty and natural they were! Your whole conception and acting of the character are so true to Shakespeares lines that one longs he could be here to see you. A lady gracious and graceful, handsome, witty, loving and wise, you are his Portia to the life."

That's the best of Shakespeare, I say. His characters can be interpreted in at least eight different ways, and of each way someone will say: "That is Shakespeare!" The German actress plays Portia as a low comedy part. She wears an eigtheenth-century law wig, horn spectacles, a cravat (this last anachronism is not confined to Germans), and often a moustache!



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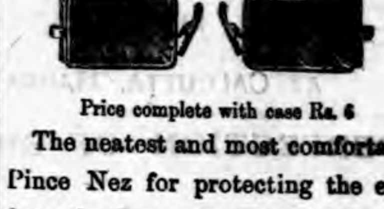
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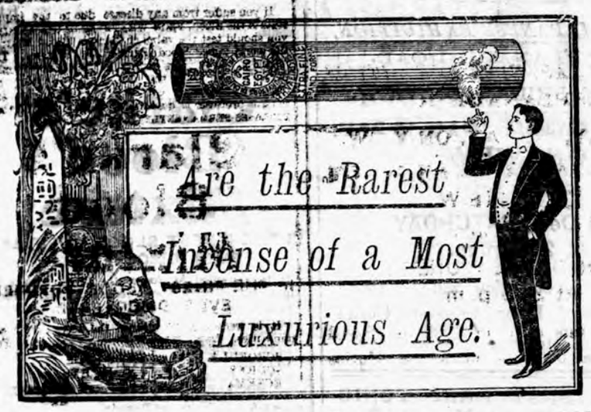


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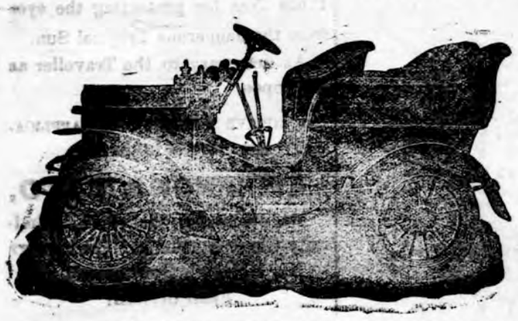
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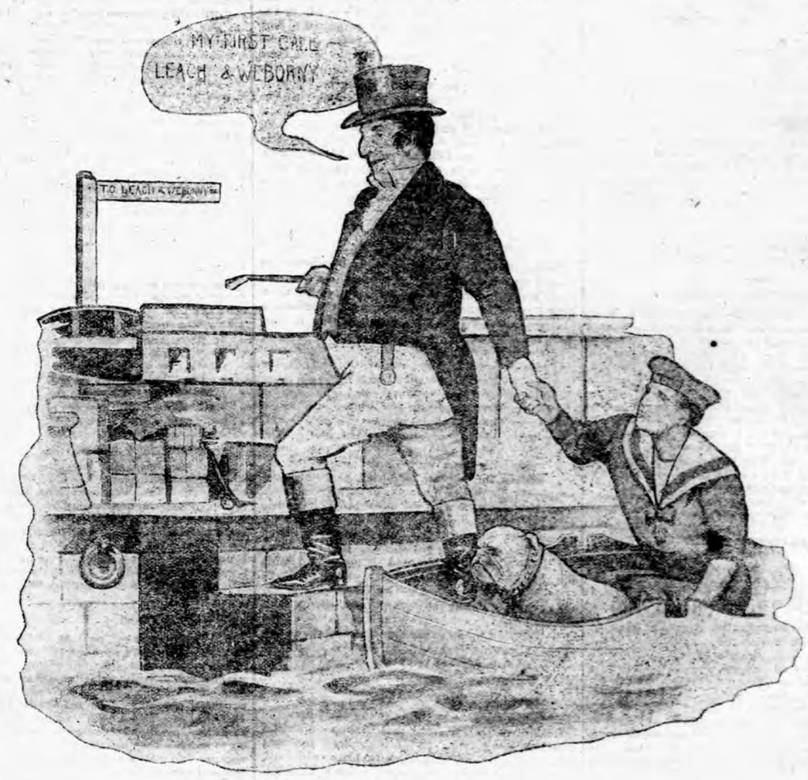
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